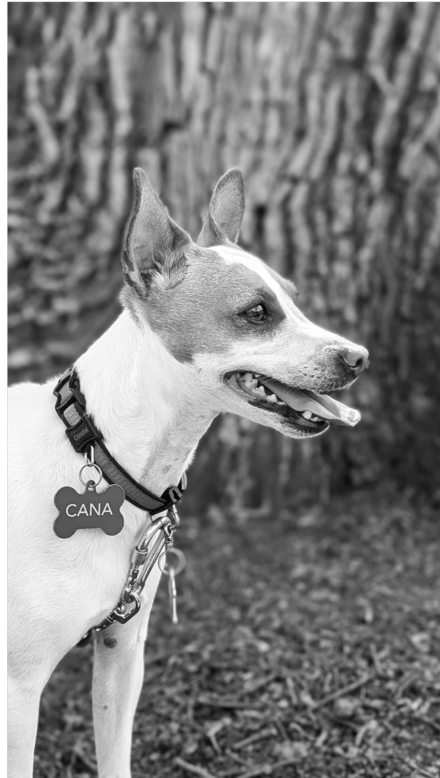


May 2026



A Blessed Easter to all! Alleluia! During one of the warm days of April, Dalton and I went for a hike and had a picnic at a Metropark with our dog Cana. For the first time, we put her on the tie-out line we had gotten for Christmas so she could run around freely. The thing is, Cana had never been on a tie-out before, and so it took her over 30 minutes to realize she could run around in a huge area. She stayed by us at the picnic blanket, until we showed her how far she could go. In many ways, I think new ministry journeys happen a lot like this. We go into a new ministry with no experience for what it means, and it takes a while to truly commit and find the joy of that new ministry. Once Cana was happy to roam a little farther from us and the picnic blanket, she had so much fun running around and looking at all the birds and bugs she could find. Sometimes, we too have to step away from what is comfortable in our lives and risk trying something new. It can be daunting and scary, but also incredibly rewarding and freeing. By trying something new in our ministry we create more room for the Holy Spirit to come alive among us. A Spirit that accompanies us to places unknown! My invitation for you this May is to consider where your own tie-out lines are in life. Where are you being called to move beyond your comfort zone? Where will you find a new, freeing existence by venturing into new experiences?

In Peace,  
Pastor Ashley

## Pastor Ashley's Open Hours

**Friday:** 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Community

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

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

May 1 - Special Grounds

May 8 - Biggby

May 15 - Red Rambler

May 22 - Special Grounds

May 29 - 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!

### **Pastoral Acts**

#### **First Communion**

*Sophie Mann*

*Emmery Sager*

*April 2, 2026*

*Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri*

### **Pastoral Care for Surgery and Hospital Stays**

If you are having a surgery and would like a prayer beforehand or are in the hospital and would like a 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 or any other pastoral care needs 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: [pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org](mailto:pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org)

# 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.

### **Sundays Coming up in May:**

**5/3 - Youth Sunday**

**5/10 - Mothers Day/Rogation Blessing**

**5/17 - Graduate Recognition**

**5/24 - Pentecost**

**5/31 - Trinity Sunday/Trinity Sundae Event**

**Sunday services will continue to be broadcast at 9:30 a.m. on our Facebook page and on our website, [ww.trinitywauseon.org](http://ww.trinitywauseon.org). This will remain an option for your Sunday worship.** These videos will remain on our website for a time, or they can be viewed on our YouTube page at any time.

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

<b>OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE</b>			
<b>In person attendance</b>			
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>March 26/29</b>	13	148	<b>161</b>
<b>April 5 (Easter)</b>		299	<b>299</b>
<b>April 9/12</b>	26	89	<b>115</b>
<b>April 16/19</b>	20	116	<b>136</b>
<b>Midweek Lent 3</b>		37	
<b>Midweek Lent 4</b>		36	
<b>Midweek Lent 5</b>		39	
<b>Maundy Thursday 4/2</b>		88	

## **Trinity Trails Starting Up Again!**

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 2 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!



## **Rogation Sunday**

**Sunday May 10, 2025**

**Sunday May 10 will 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.

## **Visitor from the Holy Land**

**On Sunday, June 7th**, we will welcome Amer Hannunah to our worship service. Amer is originally from Beit Sahour, a small town near Bethlehem in the Holy Land. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church there and works with the Alternative Tourism Group (ATG), an organization closely connected to his church, to visit congregations in the United States and talk about life for Christians in the Holy Land. Amer is also an Active Leader with their Lutheran boys and girls' group. **Olive wood crafts will be available for sale, and Amer will also offer a Chapel Chat during worship about the ministry he does and what life looks like in his hometown.**

## PARISH EDUCATION

### Bible Study Opportunities:

**Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study** - Saturday, May 9 at 7:30a.m. (see more info in LMM section of newsletter)

**Word Incarnate Bible Study** - Sunday, May 24 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Youth Activities

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

May 20 - 6:00 p.m. End of Year Party!

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

May 6 - Service

May 13 - End of Year Party!

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

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

May 13 - Activity - 6:45 p.m.

May 27 - Life Planning Party - 6:30 p.m.

**Last day of Sunday School will be May 17th**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Summer is just around the corner, and here at Trinity Lutheran Church-Wauseon, we're planning an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! Are you looking for a safe, friendly and fun environment for your kids? Then sign up today for Operation Restoration! This fun-filled VBS is for kids from 3 years old to kids finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **The program begins Sunday, May 31 and continues through Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Each day begins at 6:00 p.m. and wraps up at 8:15 p.m. At Operation Restoration kids explore the Bible and discover new ways to care for God's creation and for one another. Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest – essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration VBS!

A letter with the Participant Registration form and Media Release Form: Children and Youth, will be sent out to the families soon!! **Please complete both forms by Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can order enough supplies for this fantastic week!!**

See you at Operation Restoration VBS!!  
Your Fellow Mender of God's World,  
Becky Dickson  
Operation Restoration VBS Director/Youth Coordinator

# 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 3rd-John 14:1-14— “I am the way, and the truth, and the life”

Week of May 10th-John 14:15-21 — “Because I Live, you also will live”

Week of May 17th—John 17:1-11— “Protect them in your name”

Week of May 24th - John 14:23-29 — John 20:19-23— “Receive the Holy Spirit”

Week of May 31st - Matthew 28:16-20 — “I am with you always, to the end of the age”

## A Psalmody for May

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God! —Psalm 68:4

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



*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. —1 Peter 2:9*


*You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. —Psalm 31:3-4*

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ . — 1 Corinthians 12:12*

*In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. —Acts 2:17*

# EVANGELISM

## Celebrating May Birthdays

<p>1 Torri Bost</p> <p>2 Anne Beck Louise Gilson Jerry Rorick Rob Gilson</p> <p>4 Joe Horwath</p> <p>6 Dave Lindau Robin Fisher</p> <p>7 Peter Redfern</p> <p>8 Tiffany Dyar</p> <p>9 Marlene Clark</p> <p>11 Ellie Dopp</p> <p>12 Brock Gibson</p> <p>14 Paul zumFelde</p> <p>15 James Eicher Wilder Makula</p> <p>17 Julie Shehorn</p> <p>18 Bev Klopfenstein Kathy Schwenkmeyer Alec Bost Hayes Makula</p> <p>21 Kristen Ayers- Crossgrove Stas Legenza Ryan Sager</p>	<p>22 DorisVollmar</p> <p>24 Mark Buckenmeyer Theo Jimenez</p> <p>27 Sandy Matheny ConnieValvano Ron Shehorn Nathan Schaefer Lauren McGuire Teagan Rupp Alivia Moser</p> <p>28 Kathy Davis Phyllis Precht Barb Lichtenwald</p>	<p><u>Nifty 90's</u> Peter Redfern Doris Vollmar</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
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## **Church Mouse Program**

Starting this Fall, Trinity will be re-trying a multi-generational program called the Church Mouse Program. The program takes young adults (18-23ish) and pairs them with an older adult from the congregation to become their Church Mouse!

Over the year, the church mouse will send some cards, encouraging notes, or little care packages to their young adult as a show of support for whatever they may be doing. The fun part is that it is a surprise WHO the church mouse is until the Spring! In the Spring we will have a party for all Church Mouse participants and the pairings will be revealed!

During the month of May, we are asking for young adults who are interested in participating to fill out the info sheet we will have at the table in the entry hallway. Then, after we have a solid number of young adult participants, we will ask for church mice interested in participating.

If you are a young adult (or parent of a young adult) that would be interested in participating, please fill out an info sheet on the table in the entryway and turn it into the office. We look forward to this fun opportunity to connect our older church members and our young adults in new ways!



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

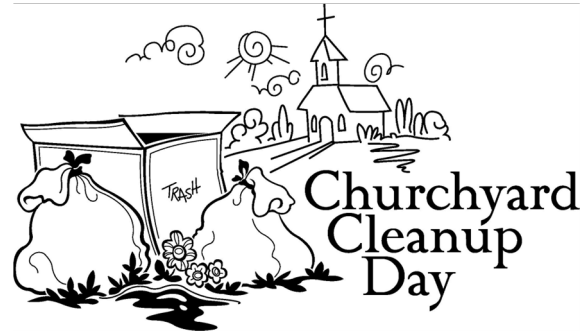


### **Help Our Church Bloom: Volunteers with a Green Thumb Needed!**

Do you enjoy working with flowers, plants and the beauty of the outdoors? We are looking for volunteers to assist with beautifying our church grounds. From planting flowers to keeping beds around the church neat and thriving, you can make a difference!

Volunteer opportunities may include planting flowers, watering, weeding, and general upkeep of flower beds.

If you are interested in lending a hand there will be a meeting on May 4th at 4:30pm in the church lounge. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



### **Help us spruce up the church grounds! Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.**

Volunteers are needed for raking, weeding, trimming and general outdoor clean-up. Bring gloves and tools if you have them.

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## Our Migrant Ministry Outreach

The Migrant Rest Center is now open for the season, and every room is currently occupied. Individuals and families stay there temporarily while they secure employment and find permanent housing.

The Rest Center provides vital support, including transportation, food, language and educational services, as well as case management. The center is operated by PathStone, a private, nonprofit community development and human services organization serving Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virginia, and Vermont.

**Current Needs:**

- Men’s and women’s sun hats and ball caps
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Sunscreen
- Water jugs

We are grateful for any donations you are able to provide in support of this important outreach. Place your donations under the wood cross.

*“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” He-*



**Trinity Sundae  
Ice Cream for a Cause  
May 31, 2026**

**Join us for ice cream and fellowship May 31 after  
worship as we raise money for a cause.  
We will soon be announcing the organization that  
proceeds from this event will go to .**

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

Thank you to all who donated food and gave financially in last month's offering. Your generosity is truly a blessing. Because of your continued support, the Caring Cupboard Food Pantry has been able to serve our community faithfully since 1980.

We are also deeply grateful for our dedicated volunteers who pack food, clean, sort, shop, and organize. This ministry depends on many helping hands, and each one makes a difference.

As we prepare for the end of the school year and the increased need of feeding children at home, we are currently in need of the following items:

- Instant oatmeal and Cereal
- Pancake mix (just add water) and Syrup
- Saltine crackers and graham crackers
- Canned fruit

**Donations can be placed in the marked shopping cart located by the church office.**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...” — Matthew 25:35*  
*Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ through your generosity and service*



## 2026 Fulton County Relay for Life

At the beginning of March, Fulton County Relay for Life was notified of changes: Paulding and Williams County Relay for Life have been moved to fully remote ACS staff partners. What does this mean? That those two counties will have conversations/meetings with a staff partner from either a different state or area. Since Fulton County was a company under Williams County, we had a choice to either continue with Williams County or go under the umbrella of Henry County with Alli Schmitz being our ACS Staff partner, who would be a person at all meetings and functions. Alli was the ACS staff partner for Fulton, Henry, Williams and Paulding County and a few other counties. Her responsibilities are now Henry, Lima, and Lima Golf. We, as Fulton County will still have our own Survivor & Caregiver Dinner and Luminaria, but we will join Henry County in their Relay for Life Event, which will be June 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 p.m. Their event will be at the Henry County Fairgrounds in the new fairground's building. Rain, winds, heat, cold will not deter the night. The Luminarias from the Fulton County Survivor & Caregiver Dinner will also be at this event.

### **How are we doing?**

Fulton County/Henry County Relay for Life has raised: \$127,987.23 of the \$200,000 goal set for 2026.

Trinity Lutheran Church-Wauseon has raised: \$6,183.43 so far, with money still coming in from our fundraisers.

January 8: Wauseon Public Library Card Class: \$170

February 1: Congregational Meal with the Catechism Class: \$647 was raised and was split between the two groups: \$323.50 was raised per group.

February 6: Fish Fry at St. Caspar's Catholic Church: \$300 to be split among the teams

February 12: Wauseon Public Library Card Class: \$130

February 18: Soup Supper – Ash Wednesday: \$446

March 4: Fry Pies: 144 pies were sold. \$360: Hershberger: \$201.60 / Trinity: \$160.40 with tip

March 6-8 and March 13-15: Hosted two Crops at Scrapbook Korner in Archbold \$1,191.13

March 8: Dart Ball Tournament at Trinity: Prepared food and served: \$269

March 12: Wauseon Public Library Card Class: \$155

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March 25: Lenten Soup Supper: \$326

Sponsorships/Donations:

\$500 – Elaine Eicher Memorial

\$500 – Trinity Lutheran Church

\$1000 – Miller Brother Construction

**Up-coming Fundraisers:**

**April 19:** Quarter Mania - All Fulton County Team Event hosted by Barrel of Monkeys

**April 23:** Luminaria available for purchase \$10 per entry.

**April 23:** Mother's Day, Graduation, and Father's Day Cards available for Donation

**May 4:** Days of Relay Gift Card Raffle: Fulton and Henry County Teams. Drawing starts on June 5-19. Tickets are \$5 for 1 Ticket **or** \$20 for 5 Tickets.

**May 17:** Bingo here at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.: \$20 for 10 rounds of Bingo. Many great prizes, Chinese Auction, and 50/50.

As you can tell, we have been very busy and appreciate all the contributions, assistance, volunteers, and support Trinity has/have given us.

Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart!!

If anyone would like to join our team, please let me know!!

Becky Dickson





Miss. Hannah and the toddlers will focus on engaging and meaningful themes, including birds, the sun, Memorial Day, and ice cream. Students will explore the life cycle of birds, learn about how the sun provides light and warmth, and begin to understand why Memorial Day is celebrated. The Toddlers will also discover different flavors of ice cream through fun, hands-on discussions. Activities will include creative projects such as fingerprint birds, a handprint sun craft, an American flag craft, and ice cream cone painting. In addition, students will enjoy outdoor science experiences such as playing with sprinklers, which support both sensory exploration and physical development.

Miss. Tessa and the Extended Care 3 and 4 year old classroom will include themes such as frogs, Mother's Day, butterflies, and end-of-the-year/letter review. Students will learn frog facts, explore counting with lily pads, and study the frog cycle. The students will also create special Mother's Day crafts and retell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar while learning about the life cycle of butterflies and reviewing important letters. Fun activities will include Mother's Day crafts, an end-of-the-year celebration, and program practice. In science, students will explore changes in the environment, with a focus on weather, helping them better understand the world around them.

Miss. Brooke and the Kindergarten Readiness class will focus on the themes of gardening, Mother's Day week, and the end-of-the-year fun. Students will explore the process of gardening, learning what plants need to grow and how to care for them. Throughout the month, students will participate in meaningful and exciting activities, including practicing songs for the end-of-the-year program and celebrating with a special Mother's Day breakfast. These experiences will support students' understanding of nature, celebration, and community while preparing for the transition into the end of the school year.

Miss. Alli and the School Age class will learn about the different kinds of ice cream to get ready for the summer! The class will learn how to make homemade ice cream, explore different flavors, and understand why it melts. The class will also learn about the life cycle of chickens. This includes what it takes to raise a chicken, how we can care for them,

and a fun game of Interrupting Chicken. School agers will also learn how we can manage our feelings, what different feelings are, and how we can control our feelings in hard situations.

Allison VerMeulen

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

### **Details on Our Center Operations**

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

- Experienced teachers and staff, with some serving since our opening in 2003
- Tuition discount for active church members (ask when enrolling)
- Daily preschool curriculum from 8:45 – 11:30 am for all young children in attendance (except school-age)
- Part-time, mornings only Pre-K/Preschool program is offered during the school year five mornings a week, with placement in an age-appropriate classroom
- School-Age Program: before and after school care with Wauseon Schools bus pick-up and drop-off, plus care on school closure days (weather, teacher in-service, etc.) for an additional fee
- Special summer program for school-age children
- Weekly Chapel, with Pastor Ashley, during the school year
- For questions or to donate, call 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**

<b>MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>\$31,311.00</b>	<b>MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,311.00</b>
<b>MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$36,496.83</b>	<b>MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,781.10</b>
<b>YTD BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>\$93,933.00</b>	<b>YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$93,933.00</b>
<b>YTD ACTUAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$81,359.17</b>	<b>YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$75,882.05</b>

**NON-BUDGETED GIVING**

	2026	Mar 1	Mar 4 & 8	Mar 11 & 15	Mar 18 & 22	Mar 25 & 29	TOTAL
<b>Capital Improvement</b>	\$	727.25	\$ 406.00	\$ 571.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 436.00	\$ 2,556.25
<b>Mission Support - Cherry St. Mission</b>	\$	365.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,280.00
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$	23.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.33	\$ 18.94	\$ 29.00	\$ 90.27
Multimedia			\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 340.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
Caring Cupboard	\$	100.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 537.00
Winter Coat Ministry	\$	50.00	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 90.00
FISH			\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$	\$ 50.00
Quilt Workshop	\$	45.00				\$ 20.00	\$ 65.00
Community Garden	\$	100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 300.00
Senior Luther League				\$	\$ 180.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 270.00
Chapel Restoration			\$	\$ 55.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 60.00
PathStone - Migrant Ministry				\$	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00

**WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH**

Women of Trinity have shared many good comments on our new way of gathering together. Our “Behind the Scenes” event in March brought 13 ladies together to learn about the ministries of the Food Pantry, Coat Ministry, and the church library. Recently the ladies gathered at the Delta 109 where they enjoyed a buffet breakfast while reconnecting in faith, fun, and fellowship.

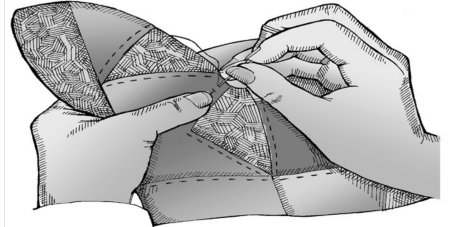
We extend a personal invitation for you to join us in our upcoming activities. If you don’t want to come alone, feel free to bring a friend. All ladies are always welcome.

**Coming up on Tues. May 19 7:00 p.m. “ SEW WHAT”** Come and see how scrap materials turn into beautiful quilts. Ladies of the Quilt Workshop will explain this outreach ministry with a hands on demonstration of making a creative quilt from start to finish. A short video will show where these quilts go when finished. You won’t want to miss this one!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sat. June 20 ‘ SUMMERTIME CONCERT’** Come and be inspired with beautiful music while engaging in food, beverages, and fellowship. The Henry County Chorale will perform at 3:00 p.m. at the Leisure Time Winery, Napoleon, OH.





## QUILTING GROUP

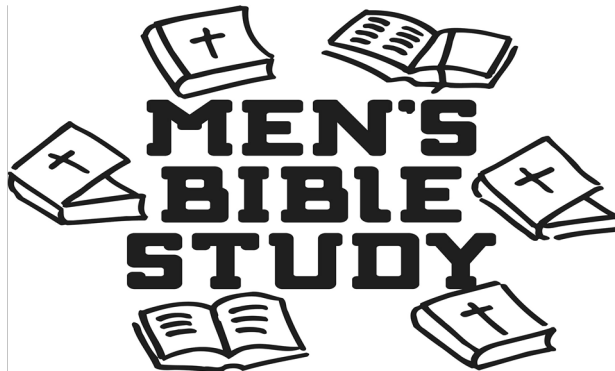
**The Quilt Workshop will meet on  
Wednesdays in May at 9:00 a.m.**

*Come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun!*

## Lutheran Men in Mission

Hey guys, come on down to the church basement on  
**Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 a.m.** We guarantee a  
delicious breakfast and interesting bible study based  
on “The Promise of Heaven” book.

**We will also be doing some spring yard work  
around the church following. Please plan to stay  
around and help. All help is appreciated.**



## ADMINISTRATIVE

### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 4/14/2026

**Present:** Luke Frey, Lisa Rupp, Amy Miller, Marle Weber, Cathy Croninger, Pastor Ashley, Robert Nafziger, Dan Miller, Deb Boyers, Terry Clark, Vaughn Baltzly, Tyson Hoste, Chris Merillat, Laura Brown and Jeff Hench

**Excused:** April Jackson, Mindy Dunbar

**Guest:** LouAnn Wheeler

Meeting was called to order by Vaughn Baltzly at 7:02 pm.

**Opening Devotion:** Pastor Ashley read Psalms 121 followed by a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes** A correction to the March 10 minutes was noted “~~Terry~~ **Jeff** Hench made motion to approve February Treasures Report... Cathy Croninger made a motion to approve the corrected minutes and Tyson Hoste seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** Letters of thanks were received from Fulton County Christian Music Ministries, ELCA for Good Gifts, Wauseon Schools Food Pantry, American Cancer Society - Relay for Life and the Wauseon FISH for the donations sent to them. Brooklyn Miller-Markly submitted two applications to use the fellowship hall on May 16, 2026 and October 17, 2026. Tyson Hoste made a motion to approve both these requests and Cathy Croninger seconded. Motion passed. Becky Dickson submitted a fellowship hall request form for a Relay for Life Fundraiser to be held May 17, 2026. Dan Miller made a motion to approve the request and waive the application fee with Deb Boyers seconding. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** (report submitted) Began Pre-marital counseling sessions with two couples getting married this Fall. Officiated several services during Holy Week. Attended a Catechism fellowship night that included youth from Genacross. The TLC Child Center had a Mom's Tea where a special chapel lesson was offered. Attended the ordination service for Alan Furhop and the Annual Chrism Mass and Vow Renewal Service. Saw both the Wauseon and Swanton High School Musical (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Cinderella). Planning to take some vacation and Ministry times away during June and July.

**Treasurer's Report:** (submitted report) For the month of March income was greater than expenses. Terry Clark made motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Dan Miller. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism:** Nothing to report

**Outreach:** Nothing to report

**Parish Education:** Final Sunday School Day will be May 17. Vacation Bible school is scheduled for May 31- June 3.

**Parish Personnel:** Will be interviewing two applicants for the custodian position.

**Stewardship:** Nothing to report

**Technology:** Will be filing an insurance claim due to possible lightning damage to a couple controllers, cameras, a computer, Day Care ethernet, north entry door and the fire alarm date-time system.

**Trustees:** North entry door has been fixed.

**Ushers:** Nothing to report

**Worship:** On April 19 a guest speaker from the Holy Land will be here. Trinity Trails will begin on May 2 and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> the youth will lead the worship service. May 10 Mothers will be honored as well as farmers and gardeners. Trinity Sunday will be celebrated May 31.

**TLC Childcare:** Enrollment is still low but three new employees have been hired. The Summer program will begin on June 1.

**Lutheran Men in Mission:** Currently studying a book about what heaven is going to look like.

**Women United in Faith:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Discussed the information Vaughn Baltzly distributed last month regarding the vision committee as well as a semantic differential questionnaire supplied this month. It was agreed to suspend further discussion on this matter.

**New Business:** Pastor distributed the current Church Council Roster. The Butterfly sculpture is on loan to Trinity through the end of May 2026. It is available for an additional year. Chris Merillat made a motion to continue to keep the sculpture for another year and Dan Miller seconded. Motion passed. The sculpture will be moved to a more stable location.

There have been a couple complaints from parents of child care children that our entry doors do not lock. Deb Boyers made a motion to gather some quotes to replace the north and west entry doors with some that lock and require a buzzer system during the child center operating hours,

Laura Brown seconded. Motion passed. There was also some discussion regarding more security cameras inside and outside the church.

Terry Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Wheeler for April Jackson

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## *Thank you notes...*

*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,*

*On behalf of the Wauseon Board of Education, I want to thank you again for your continuous support. Your recent \$735.76 donation to the Wauseon School Food Pantry has been a great blessing to the District.*

*Each and every one of our staff members would like to extend our sincere appreciation of your support for the students of Wauseon Schools. Support such as yours is crucial to the continued success of our students. We cannot thank you enough for your care and generosity.*

*Very Sincerely,  
John Kahmann  
Treasurer/CFO  
Wauseon Exempted Village Schools*



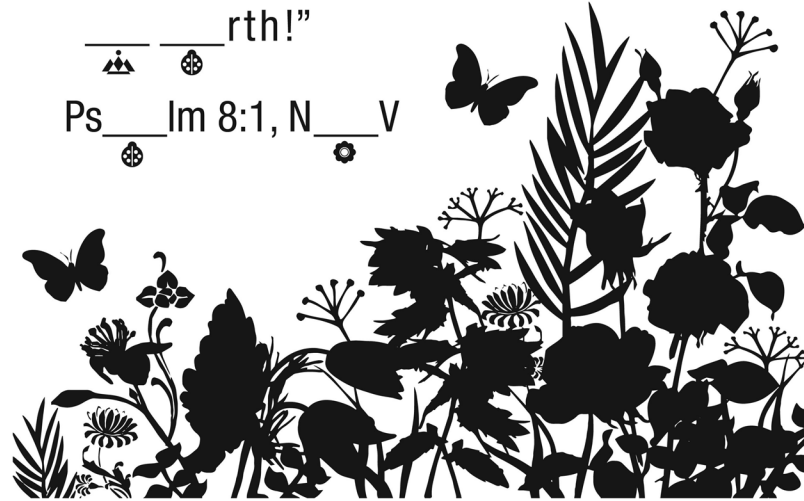
# Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.*

A = E = I = O = U =

"L\_\_RD, \_\_r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
 m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c \_\_s y\_\_r  
 n\_\_m\_\_n\_\_ll th\_\_  
 \_\_rth!"  
 Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_v



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
 Psalm 8:1, NIV