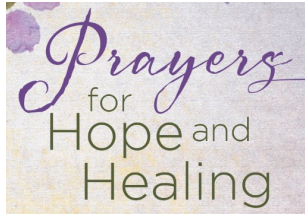


# The Trinity Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Published by  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, OH  
November, 2025



## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Amber
- Gracee
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Jayne Connair—Cancer testing
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health/Back pain
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Housing issue
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Marge Warner—Health
- Brixton—Health

- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Sinus/Asthma
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Joanne Carter
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Eric Warner—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- Jason Schenk—Cancer
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- Phyllis B—Healing
- Ruby Boord—Lung cancer
- David Kepler—Health
- Chloe Price—Healing
- Jerome Brown—Heart healing
- Pat Riley
- Kessler Family—Fire
- Jane Olson—Hospice
- Becky Schultz—Health
- Gary Barnhart—Hospice
- Dale Thomas—Pancreatic cancer
- Lin & Susan Kauffman
- Gene—Health
- Blaze—Brain surgery
- Dewitt
- Nancy Troutwine—Health

- Elvin Fourman—Heart problems
- Jack Koser—ALS
- Tim Mullins
- Katilyn Triplett—Nonhodgkins lymphoma
- Edna Fourman—Cancer
- Bob Mendenhall—Health
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Luke Gaynor—Cancer
- Jenny Crilley Mom—Health
- Dean Ehlers—Heart surgery
- Ken Saltz—Health
- Diane Saltz—Caring for husband
- Allison—Bones
- James “Chief” Combs—Healing
- Darrel & Sanny Schneider—Health
- Shirley Black—Health
- Tara Bartley—Employment
- Jason Schenck—Health
- Shelly Evans—Health
- Debbie Franz—Health

### **U.S. & World Concerns:**

- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Israel fighting
- California Wildfire Victims
- South Carolina & Texas Flood Victims
- Peace in the Middle East
- Victims of Violence

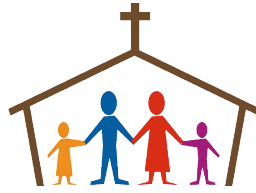
*Our sympathy*

*to the family of*

**Charlie Kirk  
Ralph Stutz  
Susan Voke  
Ray Timmerman**

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to [trinityprayers@woh.rr.com](mailto:trinityprayers@woh.rr.com) and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

## Youth & Family Ministry



## NOVEMBER

**Youth Sunday School** is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

**Thankoffering Sunday-** November 9<sup>th</sup>. Women of Trinity will be leading all areas of the church service. Fair Trade will be here.

**Trinity Troops- (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders).** November 9<sup>th</sup>- following church service.

**Christmas Auction-** November 16<sup>th</sup> at Erdman's home.

**Confirmation Class** Classes resume Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Acolyte training-**Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ.

**Adult Sunday School** Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. We are currently using Christian Conversation cards to have meaningful discussions.

**Video/book club-** We will be taking the months of November and December off. We will resume in January with Season 3 of The Chosen.

**Christmas Bell Ringers-** Watch for sign up list.

**Advent Soup Suppers-** Pastor Mel is currently choosing our study. Watch for dates so you can add them to your calendar. Will most likely start first Wednesday in December.

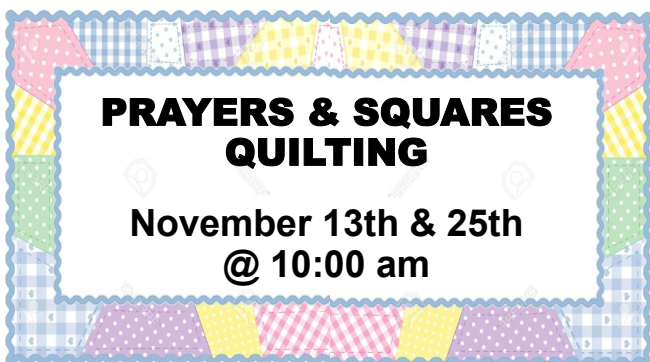
**Christmas Program-** PJ is currently looking over programs

**Youth Quake-** January 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Help support our youth- Candy bar sales after church.

**Youth and Family Ministry Meeting-** Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. This is an open meeting.

*All things work together for good to them that love God Romans 8:28*

PJ Musser, Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2024-2025)



### Ladies & Gents Luncheon

Thursday, November 20th at 11:30 am  
@ 19th Hole, 6545 US 36, Greenville, OH

Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410  
or 937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.



Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 1!

## DECEMBER



November 18, 2025

## President's Perspective...

To my beloved church family,

Well, here we are, in the last quarter of 2025. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and then Christmas. Where did the time go? I was told by other older members of my family that as we get older, time itself seems to speed up. I will certainly confirm that.

We have installed a small railing on the lectern to, if you need it, assist in going up the steps in the front of the church. We have been discussing whether or not to install one on the pulpit. Doing anything to the pulpit needs to be our last resort, but if it needs to be, it will happen. One concern is that the candle stands in the way and what to do with it. For now, I ask that if a little assistance is needed, and I would rather you use it than fall, use the railing on the lectern. It is there for you.

Don't forget, unless we have business that needs to be taken care of, we will be canceling some council meetings this next year. This is basically what we have been doing anyway.

While there are other churches, some, because of financial reasons, combining with other churches or are dropping by the wayside, we are still, very closely making it because of your continued giving.

As I say quite often, our ministry continues mainly because of you wonderful people. Because of your financial support and because of your belief that it must go on. We are still a small church with a great love for God and his ministry.

Now here is a repeat of my June President's Perspective. My soapbox talk, short and sweet, as far as finances are concerned. We are still doing ok, but sometimes, as I look at years ahead, I want us to be prepared financially so we don't hit a spot where ok is as not good enough. As you consider your giving for 2026, remember that our church is our church home. Just like your home, expenses continue to rise. I just ask you to consider this and prayerfully ask for guidance in your giving.

If you have any thoughts or concerns, feel free to contact me or any council member.

Now, enjoy the day, enjoy the fall, soon to be winter, enjoy your family, and enjoy your life. And all of you great and wonderful people, be safe out there.

May Gods' Peace and Love be with you all.

Dean



On October 1, 2025 the Prayers and Squares Quilt ministry packed the past years Quilts (35), the backpack School kits (79), the Health/Personal care kits (43) and 68 individual bars of soap.

Thanks to Pastor Mel, PJ, Marlene, Portia, and Marge, we packaged 21 boxes to take to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kettering, OH that will later be delivered to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse awaiting distribution to disaster areas.

A special thanks to Sophia Boston, who operated the lift/elevator and pushed the cart and the buttons to the lobby. She made us smile with the joy of helping.

Tony and Linda Baker and myself loaded our pickup truck bed on Friday the 3rd. Thanks to them for the help and conversation during the drive.

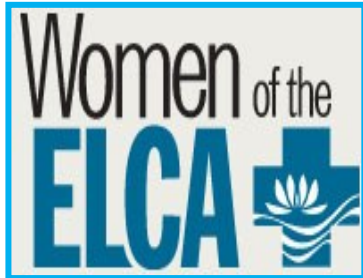
We accomplished a lot this year and I really appreciated those that helped with the tying at home and at church layering at our 2 monthly meetings.

Linda worked her color magic cutting squares for beautiful quilts and Teresa Sarver sewed them together beautiful.

Shirley and Marlene have tied most of the quilts faithfully and Shirley's son Dusty provides gourmet baked goods. Yummy!

Pat and Pam spent lots of their time putting the kits together and decorating the tree in the lobby to remind the church family of our needs throughout the year.

We're have a wonderful church family that supports our many needs for church and community.



 **A Season of Thanks and Thoughtfulness** 

As the crisp air of November sweeps in and the leaves turn brilliant shades of amber and gold, our hearts naturally turn toward gratitude. Thanksgiving reminds us to pause and count our blessings — not just the big ones, but the small, everyday gifts from God that make our lives beautiful.

Scripture reminds us: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”— *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

What a wonderful reminder that gratitude isn’t just for the good days! Even when life feels messy or uncertain, God is still working behind the scenes. Every sunrise, every kind word, every friend who checks in, and every answered (or even unanswered) prayer — these are all reasons to give thanks.

 Fun Fall Facts 

- Did you know that pumpkins are technically fruits? They belong to the same family as cucumbers and melons!
- The first official Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it a national holiday.
- Cranberries bounce when they’re fresh — go ahead, try it!
- The average turkey feather count is about 3,500!
- The word *November* comes from the Latin word *novem*, meaning nine, since it was originally the ninth month of the Roman calendar.

Fund Raising Activities...

- ◇ Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ◇ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- ◇ Raffle hand towels by Linda
- ◇ Falltastic Vendor event/bake sale- wow. I truly feel blessed that this event was successful. Thanks to all the vendors, bakers, and volunteers.

**Our next meeting is November 5th at 11:30. We will be discussing the Thank Offering Service which will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Judy Ulrich will provide snacks. Our video will be part 3 of What Happens When Women Say Yes to God by Lysa TerKeurst. Part three will help us to learn to live open-handed: How to receive His Blessings.**

As we move toward Thanksgiving, let’s remember that gratitude and generosity go hand in hand. When we give thanks to God, it often inspires us to *give to others*. Whether that’s through helping a neighbor, contributing to a food drive, or simply offering a prayer for someone in need — our acts of kindness are modern-day reflections of Christ’s love.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”— *Psalms 100:4*

So, as the days grow shorter and our calendars fill up with family gatherings, church events, and preparations, let’s take a few quiet moments each day to whisper a simple prayer: “Thank You, Lord, for Your blessings — seen and unseen.”

Just like the falling leaves remind us that change is part of God’s design, November reminds us that gratitude transforms our hearts. Let’s celebrate this month with thankful spirits, joyful hearts, and open hands ready to share God’s love.

Jesus loves you and so do I.

PJ- WELCA leader at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2025/2026

## Word from Our Pastor

*I have learned to be content with whatever I have.<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need.<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

Dear Trinity! Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we turn the calendar to November, our thoughts naturally turn to gratitude — for family, for food, for the harvest gathered in, and for the familiar rhythm of fall. The air feels a little crisper, the leaves scatter across the ground, and we begin preparing for Thanksgiving. As I pondered the idea of thanksgiving and gratitude for this article, it occurred to me the kind of gratitude Scripture calls us to, runs deeper than a single day at the end of the month.

True gratitude — the kind that endures through every season — isn't just about saying "thank you" when things are good. It's about recognizing God's hand in *all* things, even when the path ahead isn't clear. It's about learning to see grace not just at the feast, but also in the fields when the work is hard and the harvest uncertain.

In Philippians 4, Paul writes, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." That's a remarkable statement from a man who wrote those words while in prison! Paul wasn't thankful *because* everything was easy; he was thankful *because* he had learned that God's presence was constant. Gratitude, for Paul, was not a feeling — it was a posture of faith.

Here at Trinity, I see that kind of gratitude every week. I see it in the volunteers who show up to help at the Soup Kitchen, in the FISH Food Pantry workers who greet our neighbors with kindness, and in the Quilters who stitch love into every blanket they send to someone they'll probably never meet. Gratitude flows from grace — and grace always finds a way to give itself away.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I invite you to take a few moments to pause and reflect:

- What blessings has God placed in your life this year — even the small ones?
- Where have you seen God's hand at work in unexpected ways?
- And how might your gratitude overflow into acts of love, service, or forgiveness for others?

Because here's the thing about gratitude: when we begin to count our blessings, we often lose count — and I'll bet even our resident Math Teacher would agree, that's the best kind of math there is.

May this November be a time not only to give thanks for what we have, but to remember *who* gives it — the God whose love never runs out, whose grace never fails, and whose blessings surround us, even when we don't always see them right away.

Thanks be to God for blessings seen and unseen, for grace in every season, and for the One who calls us to live with thankful hearts. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mel





**November 2025**

**Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.**

## Part Two

Last month's article was about what bullying is- this month the focus is on how to combat bullying.

### 10 tips to teach kids about anti-bullying

## BULLYING



1. Ensure children know how bullying is dealt with in school. Do they know who they can speak to and how to report bullying?
2. Establish ground rules to create a safe and respectful environment.
3. Build empathy into the topic to help kids understand bullying from the victim's perspective. Even from the bully's perspective, too. This makes children recognize that all parties involved are going through a difficult time.
4. Make sure your child has a solid understanding of *what is* and *what isn't* bullying.
5. Use distancing techniques when teaching about this topic to keep discussions and scenarios objective and impersonal.
6. Deliver positive, proactive messages, so children feel empowered to tackle bullying.
7. Take an active interest in your child's social life. No matter how young or old they are, get to know a bit more about their friends, what they like to do, their interests or hobbies. Ask who they played with during recess, and what games they played together after school each day. You could even organize play dates on weekends to better grasp the dynamic of your child's friendships and to get to know their parents!
8. Teach practical strategies that children can follow, for example encourage your child to stay calm. Bullies often crave an emotional reaction, so it's great to stay relaxed and not give them what they desperately want. These strategies could include taking deep breaths or thinking of something that brings them happiness, rather than the negative situation in front of them.
9. Teach your child ways to be assertive with the bullies, such as walking away with confidence. Again, this is an awesome way to deal with bullies, and it takes away their power.
10. Protect your child but keep your emotional reactions at bay. As a parent or educator, you may be upset or angry at the way your child is mistreated but learning how to control your own feelings and responses to the situation sets a prime example to your kids. Children can quickly pick up on intense attitudes and behaviors, so remember to be a role model.

Here are three reasons why anti-bullying activities are crucial in the classroom:

1. Children face immense pressure.
2. Bullying is not exclusive to school; it can happen anywhere.
3. Teachers need to promote and create safe spaces. Kids spend a lot of their time in the classroom, so they need a healthy environment to develop in.

### Three anti-bullying quotes

- "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." — Ian Maclaren
- "Each of us deserves the freedom to pursue our own version of happiness. No one deserves to be bullied." — Barack Obama
- "Don't you ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are." — Lady Gaga

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall back, not behind!  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and  
*join us on time for worship.*

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before  
bedtime on Saturday, November 1!

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 2**  
**Following the**  
**worship service**

All members of Trinity are encouraged  
to attend to hear reports of our past  
accomplishments, plans for the fu-  
ture and election of officers and com-  
mittee members.



**November 15th at 2:30 pm**  
**At Eldon & Bev Erdmann's Home**  
**1385 Littles Rd., Arcanum**

Everyone is invited for an afternoon of  
fun, fellowship, and a few snacks.  
Join us whether or not you have  
something to sell or want to buy!  
Bring a snack **OR NOT!**

Just come and enjoy an afternoon  
with your Trinity family.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday,**  
**November 18**  
**At Trinity Church**  
**8520 Oakes Rd.**  
**Pittsburg OH**

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



**At Trinity**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 26**  
**@ 7:00 pm**

## DECEMBER



**November 18, 2025**



# November Celebrations



## Birthdays

- |                  |                       |                   |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Paul Jasinski  | 10 Lexi Wright        | 25 Jordan Mattox  |
| 2 Bethany Nickol | 11 Dawson Schmitmeyer | Michael Mehaffie  |
| Trent Groff      | 13 Vicki Ressler      | 26 Shawn Hein     |
| 3 Monica Heckman | 13 Michelle Dornbusch | 27 Rilyn Warner   |
| 6 Brooke Chapman | 16 Jack Mehaffie      | 29 Andrew Parlett |
| David Netzley    | 18 Alaina Merzke      | Rob Arling        |
| 7 Barbara Sease  | 20 Steve Mehaffie     |                   |
| Kayla Garwood    | 21 Connie Gilmore     |                   |
| Ruth Collins     |                       |                   |



## Anniversaries



- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7 Nick & Angela Morelli    | 15 Ron & Barbara Gettinger |
| 8 Wesley & Jenna Harleman  | 16 Rod & Deb Sease         |
| 13 Kent & Shirley Thompson | 18 Craig & Holly Cotner    |



## Baptisms

- |                   |                    |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Lisa Garwood    | 12 Trevor Shelley  | 28 Antonia Baker |
| Rose Lucas        | 16 Brandon Groff   | Patti Troutwine  |
| 5 Karen Hoblitt   | Brittani Groff     | Troy Troutwine   |
| Brynlee Groff     | 17 Crew Diceanu    | 29 Holly Merzke  |
| 9 Kevin McKibben  | 18 Austin Harleman | Mollie Watson    |
| 10 Eva Stephens   | 24 Judy Howard     |                  |
| 11 Brydon Diceanu | 27 Donna Stickley  |                  |
| Sheila Campbell   | Hannah Nickol      |                  |

November	
READERS	
2	Marge Warner
9	Peggy Didier
16	Miranda Harleman
23	Bev Erdmann
30	Larry Harter

November 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



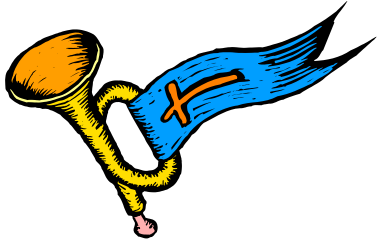
# NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Remember to turn your clocks <b>BACK</b> one hour before going to bed tonight!
2 <b>Time Change Sunday!</b> 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship w/Communion 11:30 am Congregational Mtg.	3 7:30 pm Dartball @ Trinity VS Oakland #2	4  <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	5 11:30 am WELCA Meeting	6 10:00 am Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting	7 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	8
9 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Trinity Troops	10 7:30 pm Dartball @ Ansonia First Church of God	11	12	13 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting	14 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	15
16 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship w/Communion 2:30 pm Christmas Auction @ Erdmann's Home	17 7:30 pm Dartball @ St. John Lutheran, Greenville	18  <b>NewsLetter DEADLINE</b> 3:00 pm Community Blood Drive @ Trinity	19 8:30 am GGMA Meeting 10:30 am GRCC Soup Kitchen 7:00 pm Trinity Council Mtg.	20 11:30 am Ladies & Gents Luncheon @ 19th Hole, 6545 US 36, Greenville	21 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	22
23 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship	24 7:30 pm Dartball @ Trinity VS Beech Grove	25 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting	26 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	27  <b>THANKS Giving Day</b>	28 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	29
30 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship						

# TRINITY TRUMPET

## NOVEMBER, 2025



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED BY

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 64 - 8520 Oakes Rd. -  
Pittsburg, Ohio 45358  
Phone: 937-692-5670  
Email: [secretary@pitsburgtlc.org](mailto:secretary@pitsburgtlc.org)  
Website: [pitsburgtlc.org](http://pitsburgtlc.org)  
Pastor Mel Musser - 937-626-7100  
[pastor@pitsburgtlc.org](mailto:pastor@pitsburgtlc.org)



DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER  
TRINITY TRUMPET IS NOVEMBER 18th.



Scan with your Smartphone  
and link to our web page,  
our Facebook page, and our  
YouTube Channel.