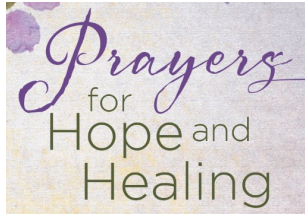


The Trinity Trumpet

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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
- Tyler Morris— Paralyzed from auto accident
- 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
- Linda Feitshans—Pneumonia
- Phyllis B—Healing
- Ruby Boord—Lung cancer
- Devon Eley—Back surgery
- 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
- PJ Musser—Healing

U.S. & World Concerns:

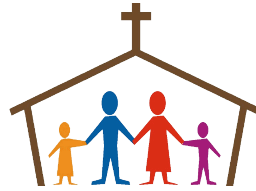
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Israel fighting
- California Wildfire Victims
- South Carolina & Texas Flood Victims
- Peace in the Middle East
- Victims of Violence

Our sympathy

**to the family of
Leroy Billenstein
Betty Oren**

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

Youth & Family Ministry



SEPTEMBER

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.

Trinity Troops- (4th, 5th, and 6th graders). Family Picnic at Pastor Mel's.

Confirmation Class - No classes during June, July and August. Classes to resume in September. Please continue to sign up to acolyte and remember to turn in your sermon notes.

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.

Lutheran Day at the Great Dark County Fair- Thankyou for everyone who came out to the spirituality center on August 21st to help pass out water and offer prayers

Youth and Family Ministry Meeting- Meeting on September 4th at 10:30 am. This is an open meeting for anyone interested with our mission here at Trinity. We will be working on our outdoor picnic and discussion of our Fall Festival.

Rally Day- The following students were recognized with new Bibles based on age- Life of Jesus Bible: Eleanor Kemper. Story Bible: Emery Musser, Dawson Schmitmeyer, and Emerson Schmitmeyer. Gift Edition Bible: Carter Kemp, and Beckett Schmitmeyer. Confirmation Bible: Carlee Kemp, and Finley Schmitmeyer.

Video/book club- 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6pm-7:30ish. "The Chosen" television series. Bible readings, then the video, followed by a discussion

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

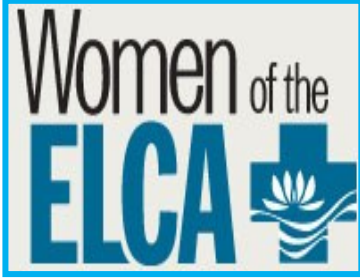
PJ Musser, Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2024-2025)

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Church Parking Lot



Work on the church parking lot will begin on Saturday, August 30. That weekend will be crack sealing, so it will not impact our service. If all goes well and the weather cooperates, the seal coating will be done the following week. If there are cones up and the parking lot is blocked off, please do not drive on it. You will have to park along Oakes Road or Jefferson Street and walk up the sidewalks to get into the church. Once the barricades have been removed, it will be ok to drive on the parking lot.



September 2025

Welcome September

September is a month of gentle change. The long days of summer slowly give way to cooler evenings, golden sunsets, and leaves beginning their graceful turn. It's a season of both reflection and anticipation reminder that just as the earth moves through its seasons, so too do our lives.

September invites us to pause, breathe deeply, and welcome new opportunities. It's a time to turn over new leaves, to set fresh goals, and to trust that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Scripture reminds us:

- *"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."* —Ecclesiastes 3:1
- *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* — 2 Corinthians 5:17
- *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."* —Lamentations 3:22–23

We met on August 6th and had a wonderful planning session for the WELCA year of 2025/2026.

Did you know that we continue to provide Kid's Comfort blankets to local police departments? Anyone of any ability can assist with this project- contact Portia if you would like to help.

Our quilters are busy as ever! Our meetings are open to anyone who wants to help- You don't know what to do- we will guide you!

New Event coming to Pittsburg Lutheran Church- Falltastic Bazaar and Vendor event- October 11th from 10-2. Looking for artists, crafters, vendors and bakers. Contact PJ for a booth slot. Only asking for a portion of your profits that day- no cost to secure a table.

Our next meeting is September 3rd at 11:30 am. Our hostess will be Linda Baker.

Fund Raising Activities

- ◇ Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ◇ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- ◇ Raffle hand towels by Linda

As we step into September, may we embrace the beauty of change, the hope of new beginnings, and the faithfulness of God that carries us through every season.



Jesus loves you and so do I!

PJ- WELCA president at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025



Ladies & Gents Luncheon

**Thursday, September 18th at 11:30 am
@ El Carreton, 401 Wagner Ave., Greenville, OH**

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

Word from Our Pastor

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." — Matthew 19:14

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

September is always a month of new beginnings. The school buses are back on the road, children are filling classrooms with energy and questions, and families are adjusting to new routines. For us as a church family, it's also a time to gather in prayer around our children and youth as we send them into a new school year.



One of my favorite traditions we share together is the **Blessing of the Backpacks** as we do on the **Sunday right before school begins**. Each year, we invite our children to bring their backpacks to worship. We bless not only their books and supplies, but also their friendships, their teachers, their learning, and their daily walk with Jesus. It's a reminder that Christ goes with them into the classroom, the lunchroom, the gym, and everywhere life takes them. And it's also a reminder to us as a congregation that we are called to encourage, support, and pray for our young people—not just on one Sunday, but all year long.

This September brings us a joyful opportunity to step outside the walls of our sanctuary and worship God surrounded by the beauty of creation. On **Sunday, September 7th, we will gather at Chenoweth Trails in Darke County for Outdoor Worship and enjoy a fantastic Church Picnic**. Chenoweth Trails is a marvelous camp, more like a beautiful park, owned and operated by the Matt Light Foundation. You're all invited to bring a dish to share, invite a friend, and get ready for a day of praising God under the open sky, sharing a meal, and enjoying fellowship together. There's fishing and swimming as well as many games like corn hole and badminton. There's something for everyone at Chenoweth Trails, but more importantly, something deeply fitting about worshiping outdoors at the close of summer—hearing the birds, feeling the breeze, and remembering that the whole earth declares the glory of God (Psalm 19:1).



As we enter this new season together, may we do so with gratitude for God's presence in every part of our lives—from the school bus ride to the communion table, from the classroom to the picnic table. Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven belongs to children, and we are all invited to live with the same trust, joy, and openness that children so naturally show.

May God bless our students, our teachers, our families, and our congregation in this season of new beginnings. And may we rejoice together as we worship, learn, and share the love of Christ in every place God sends us.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mel





September 2025

Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

Back-to-School: Safety, Health, and Faith



September brings with it the excitement of new beginnings—fresh school supplies, crisp fall mornings, and the joyful (and sometimes nervous!) energy of children heading back to school. As our students begin this new academic year, it's a wonderful time to remind ourselves of some important health and safety tips.

Bus & Walking Safety

At the bus stop: Encourage children to arrive early, wait calmly, and stay a safe distance from the road.

Boarding safely: Remind children to use the handrail and wait for the bus to stop completely before approaching.

On the bus: Stay seated, keep the aisles clear, and always listen to the driver.

Walking or biking: Use crosswalks, look both ways, wear helmets when biking, and avoid distractions like phones or earbuds.

Healthy Habits for School Days

Sleep matters: Elementary school children need 9–12 hours of sleep each night, while teens need 8–10. A consistent bedtime routine helps them stay alert and focused.

Good nutrition: A healthy breakfast fuels learning! Pack balanced lunches with protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.

Handwashing: Remind children to wash hands before eating, after recess, and after using the restroom. It's one of the best defenses against spreading germs.

Encouragement for Families

As we send our children off each morning, we also send them with our prayers. God's Word reminds us: "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Just as teachers prepare lessons, we can prepare our children with encouragement, prayer, and reminders of God's love that surrounds them each day.

Let's also remember to lift up our bus drivers, teachers, staff, and administrators in prayer, asking God to grant them wisdom, patience, and joy in their calling.

A Back-to-School Prayer

Heavenly Father, watch over our children as they travel to and from school. Keep them safe on buses, in cars, on bikes, and on foot. Bless their teachers and classrooms, and help them to grow in knowledge, kindness, and faith. In Jesus' name, Amen

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

SCHOOL KIT UPDATE

Well, our Trinity family has come through. You have been busy shopping for the supplies we need! I went over to inventory what school supplies we have and found a wealth of crayons, rulers, scissors, and pencils. There were many pens, pencil sharpeners, and erasers too. We also have quite a few of the spiral notebooks. If you still have things at home, bring them in!

Our most immediate need is for backpacks. I have about 20 already cut out and will package them with the directions for you to take home and complete. They will be on the table in the foyer.





September Celebrations



Birthdays

4 Emily Campbell
 8 Linda Baker
 10 Susan Harter
 12 Leah Witters
 13 Zachary Long
 16 Trevor Shelley

17 Bev Erdmann
 Brent Shofner
 Mollie Watson
 19 Sanny Schneider
 Stephanie Burrell

20 Hunter Rich
 21 David Dornbusch
 24 Paul Erdmann
 29 Patty Sackett



Anniversaries



3 David & Joyce Hofacker
 4 Michael & Lori Mehaffie
 6 Brandon & Katy Groff
 8 Harold & Debra Harleman
 10 John & Janessa Erdmann
 13 Brian & Jennifer Baker
 14 Charles & Peggy Didier

18 Trevor & Alexis Musser
 21 Kerry & Stephanie Vanatta
 22 Barry & Judy Ulrich
 23 Mark & Roxanne Groff
 28 Mel & PJ Musser
 30 Eric & Sheila Campbell



Baptisms



1 Sandra Hughert
 2 Abigail Bond
 Bryce Robinson
 Morgan Taylor
 4 Brian Baker
 Joshua Snider
 7 Maddie Stacy

13 Beckett Schmitmeyer
 18 Susan Harter
 19 Cody Troutwine
 Jordan Mattox
 20 Noah Mehaffie
 21 Bradey Hesler
 22 Angelo Morelli



24 Joshua Kossler
 Mark Coppess
 26 Deb Sease
 28 Jeremy Netzley
 30 Cassandra Creech
 Katelynn Burrell-Troutwine

September	
READERS	
7	Teresa Neitzelt
14	Dean Thompson
21	Peggy Didier
28	Kathy Kathman

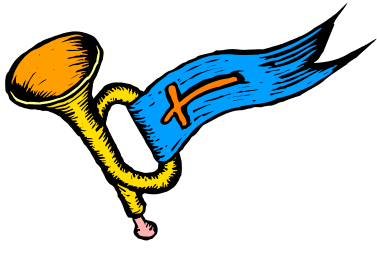
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SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 11:30 am WELCA Meeting	4 10:00 am Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting	5 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	6
7 <i>Grandparents Day</i> 10:00 am Worship & Picnic at Chenoweth Trails	8	9	10	11 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting	12 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	13
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