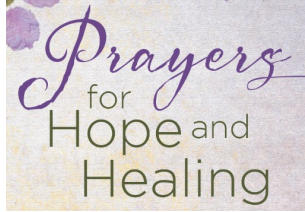


# The Trinity Trumpet

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, OH  
June, 2026



## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder— Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- 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
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Brixton—Health
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Carrie Feitsans—Health
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength

- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Joanne Carter
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- David Kepler—Health
- Chloe Price—Healing
- Jerome Brown—Heart healing
- Jane Olson—Hospice
- Becky Schultz—Health
- Dale Thomas—Pancreatic cancer
- Lin & Susan Kauffman
- Gene—Health
- Jack Koser—ALS
- Tim Mullins
- Edna Fourman—Cancer
- Bob Mendenhall—Health
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Luke Gaynor—Cancer
- Ken Saltz—Health
- Diane Saltz —Caring for husband
- Darrel Schneider—Health
- Jason Schenck—Health
- Debbie Franz—Health
- Sarah—Heart transplant
- Steve Brewer—Cancer return
- Carolyn Troutwine—Health
- Glen Kreitzer
- Hazel Berrman (baby) - Health
- Lin & Susan Kauffman
- Mike Holcomb—Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Health
- David Netzley—Heart/Lungs Issues
- Sanny Schneider—Health
- Greg Gosnell
- Joe & Beverly Kovaks—Car accident

- Carla Hesler—Eyesight
- Brenda Shiverdecker—Health
- Dan Franz—Health
- Marlene Dirksen—Knee
- Nancy Guthrie—Safe return
- Jean Rose—Health
- Kathy Brooks—Recovery from open heart surgery
- Barbara Weimer—Health
- Connie
- Dean Warner—Hospice
- Rusty Warner
- Matt Legere
- Gavin Vaughn—Healing
- Connie Padgett—Surgery
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Danielle Moore
- Kylie Dubach—Elec. bike accident
- Mark Haney—Health
- Buck Family—House fire
- Heidi Perry—Cancer

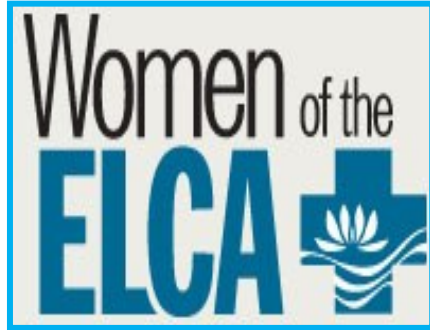
### **U.S. & World Concerns:**

- War in Iran
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Israel fighting
- Peace in the Middle East
- Victims of Violence

*Our sympathy*  
to the families of  
**James "Chief Combs**  
**Wanda Rothwell**

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.

**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY TRINITY TRUMPET IS JUNE 16th.**



June 2026

### Hello Ladies!

June has arrived, bringing sunshine, blooming flowers, cookouts, vacations, and a little slower pace to our schedules. We hope this month gives each of you time to rest, recharge, and enjoy God's beautiful creation.


Just a friendly reminder that **there will be NO general WELCA meeting during the month of June.** We'll take this time to enjoy summer activities and reconnect again soon.

Even though we are not meeting, remember that our church family continues to stay connected through prayer, kindness, encouragement, and caring for one another.

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### June Fun Facts

- The birthstone of June is the **pearl**, symbolizing purity and wisdom.
  - June is named after **Juno**, the Roman goddess of marriage and family.
  - The first day of summer this year is **June 20th!**
  - Fireflies begin lighting up summer evenings during June.
  - June is also known as **National Rose Month.** 
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### A Little Summer Challenge

This month, try to:

- Send a card to someone who may need encouragement
  - Invite a friend out for coffee or lunch
  - Spend a few quiet moments outside thanking God for His blessings
  - Read one uplifting devotion or Bible passage each day
  - Small acts of kindness can brighten someone's entire summer.
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### Scripture for June

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalm 118:24

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### A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our "**Hats Off to Mothers**" **Mother-Daughter-Friend Event** in May such a wonderful success!

Thank you to all who attended, decorated tables, brought delicious food, helped with setup and cleanup, participated in the games and activities, and shared laughter and fellowship throughout the afternoon. Your kindness and willingness to help made the event truly special.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to **Larry Harter** for providing our entertainment and helping make the day so enjoyable for everyone. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated!

Events like these are possible because of the love, generosity, and servant hearts within our church family. Thank you all for helping create such meaningful memories together. 

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### Looking Ahead

We look forward to gathering together again soon and sharing fellowship, laughter, and faith with all of you. Until then, enjoy the sunshine, stay cool, and remember that you are loved and appreciated!

**PJ Musser**  
WELCA Leader  
Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church  
2025–2026

# Word from Our Pastor

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...”

— Romans 12:15

Dear friends in Christ,

June is a season of transitions. The school year ends. Summer begins. Families adjust to new rhythms. For many young people and adults, graduation marks the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another. At Trinity, we enjoy taking time out celebrate those milestones together. On **Sunday, June 14**, we will honor our graduates during worship and invite all graduates to set up displays in the Fellowship Hall. Trinity will provide cake and punch, and our graduates will have the opportunity to stand near their displays, greet members of the congregation, and share what they have accomplished.



### ***That matters.***

In our world, accomplishments are often celebrated quickly and then forgotten. A diploma is received. Pictures are taken. A party is held. Then everyone moves on to the next thing. This is not the way of the Body of Christ. In the church, celebration is more than a moment. It's part of how we live as the Body of Christ. As Saint Paul reminded the Christians in Rome, when one member rejoices, we rejoice together. When one member takes a new step, we surround them with prayer. When another member reaches a milestone, we give thanks to God, not only for what they have done, but for who they are: beloved children of God, siblings in Christ, and part of this family of faith.

Graduation isn't *just* about achievement. It's also about calling. Each graduate is stepping into a future that is not fully known. Some may be heading to college, trade school, military service, employment, or another path entirely. Some may be graduating from high school, college, a training program, or another important course of study. Whatever the next step may be, we trust God goes with them. As Lutherans, we believe God is at work in ordinary callings: in classrooms and workshops, offices and farms, homes and hospitals, military service and community life. God uses our gifts, our learning, our labor, and even our questions and our mistakes to serve, or better serve our neighbors.

So, on June 14, I hope you will take time to visit the displays, enjoy some cake and punch, and speak a word of encouragement to our graduates. Ask them what they studied. Ask them what they are proud of. Ask them what comes next. Most of all, remind them they are loved, prayed for, and never alone. They are never alone because the church is one of the places where we learn our lives are held in something bigger than our own plans. We are held in the grace and love of God! We are held in the promises of Christ. And we are held, in very real ways, by the prayers and love of each other. (This is the first time we've honored our Graduates or recognized them in this way, at least since I've been serving here... Please give me your feedback on what we might do to improve the event next year.)

Congratulations to all our graduates. Trinity gives thanks for you, celebrates with you, and prays God's blessing upon your next steps.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, today and always.

**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU."  
DECLARES THE LORD.  
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT  
TO HARM YOU. PLANS TO  
GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."  
JEREMIAH 29:11**

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Mel



# Children, Youth & Family Ministry

JUNE



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & ONGOING PROGRAMS**

### **Youth Sunday School**

Our Youth Sunday School program serves children from **Pre-K through 6th grade**.

### **Sunday School Coordinator**

Marlene Dirksen serves as our Sunday School Coordinator. If you feel called to make a positive impact in the lives of our young people, please reach out—she would be grateful for your help and support.

### **Trinity Troops (Grades 4–6)**

Next meeting: *To be determined*.

### **Confirmation Class**

As summer begins, we want to remind our Confirmation families that there will be no official Confirmation classes during the month of June. We hope everyone enjoys a little extra time for rest, family, and summer activities!

However, students should keep an eye out for their summer assignment information, which will be coming soon. Completing the summer assignment will help keep everyone connected and prepared as we continue growing in faith together.

Have a safe, fun, and blessed summer!

### **Celebration for Graduates**

We would also like to celebrate our graduates! On June 14th, immediately following the worship service, we will recognize our high school graduates. Graduates will have tables set up so members can stop by, visit with them, and learn about their post-high school plans and future goals.

Currently, the graduates we are aware of are Robbie Arling and Stephen Angles. If there are any additional high school or college graduates we should recognize, please let PJ know so we can be sure to include them in this special celebration.

### **Acolyte Training**

Any youth interested in serving as an acolyte is encouraged to contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ for training and scheduling.

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## **ADULT & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Adult Sunday School**

Join us Sundays from **9:30–10:15 a.m.** for fellowship and meaningful conversation.

We are currently using *Christian Conversation Cards* to spark thoughtful discussion and connection.

### **Video & Book Club *NO MEETINGS IN MAY.***

Meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month

### **Lutheran Course**

Following 10:30 Service in the Adult Sunday School Classroom.

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## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

### **First Communion Class**

For questions, please see Pastor Mel.


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## *Children, Youth, and Family Ministry cont'd.....*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Children, Youth & Family Ministry Meeting**

 Date to be determined

This is an open meeting—everyone is welcome!

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Please also save the dates for our upcoming Vacation Bible School events! Vacation Bible School will take place on July 7th and July 9th in the evening, with our Vacation Bible School Celebration and Picnic planned for July 12th. More details will be shared soon.

If you would be interested in helping with planning, decorations, teaching, or assisting in any way with Vacation Bible School, please let PJ know. We always appreciate the many helping hands that make these special events possible for our children and families!

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### **SCRIPTURE ENCOURAGEMENT**

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

— Luke 18:16

*"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Found following the May 24th worship service. May be claimed from the Secretary's mailbox outside the office

## *Happy Father's Day*

- My dad used to steal soap, but eventually he came clean.
- My dad used to be addicted to the hokey pokey. But then he turned himself around.
- My father spilled invisible ink all over himself. He's at the hospital waiting to be seen.
- My dad said he wanted something groundbreaking for Father's Day. So I got him a shovel.
- My dad bought a pair of camouflage pants. Now I can't find him.
- For Father's Day, my dad asked for a gift with no strings attached. So I bought him a broken guitar.



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Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

## Understanding a Cancer Diagnosis: Emotions, Terminology, and Next Steps

Hearing the words “You have cancer” can be life-changing. A cancer diagnosis often brings a flood of emotions—not only for the patient, but also for family and loved ones. Fear, shock, sadness, anger, confusion, and uncertainty are all common and very normal reactions.

In the days following a diagnosis, many people feel overwhelmed by medical information and unfamiliar terminology. Doctors may discuss things such as:

- **Stage:** How much cancer is present and whether it has spread
- **Tumor:** A mass of abnormal cells
- **Biopsy:** A procedure where tissue is removed and examined
- **Oncologist:** A doctor who specializes in cancer treatment
- **Treatment plan:** A personalized approach to care based on the type and stage of cancer



After diagnosis, patients often undergo additional testing to help guide treatment decisions. Appointments with specialists may follow, and discussions may include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, immunotherapy, or other treatment options.

It is important to remember that no one has to face this journey alone. Asking questions, bringing a trusted family member or friend to appointments, and taking notes during discussions can all be helpful. Many people also find strength through prayer, counseling, support groups, and the encouragement of their faith community.

For loved ones, one of the greatest gifts you can offer is simply your presence. You do not need to have all the answers. Listening, checking in, offering practical help, and praying with someone can bring comfort during difficult days.

A diagnosis may change the road ahead, but it does not remove hope. Advances in treatment continue to improve outcomes, and many people living with cancer continue to find joy, purpose, strength, and meaningful moments along the journey.

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As people of faith, we are reminded that God walks beside us in every season—especially the uncertain ones.

### Scripture

*“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.” — Isaiah 43:2*

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all those who are facing a cancer diagnosis and for the families who walk beside them. Bring peace in moments of fear, clarity in times of confusion, and strength for each new day. Surround them with compassionate caregivers, supportive loved ones, and the comfort of Your presence. Help us, as a church family, to be a source of encouragement, kindness, and hope. Amen.

Blessings,  
PJ Musser, MSN, RN



**Ladies & Gents Luncheon**  
 Thursday, June 18 @ 11:30 am  
 @ Tin Roof Tavern  
 127 N. Jefferson, Pittsburg OH



**Graduation party  
for Stephen Angles**  
 Sunday, May 31  
 from 2:00—6:00 pm  
 @ The Musser's Home  
 7750 Mote Rd.  
 West Milton



Help us put benches throughout Darke County's parks, community areas, and Bike paths!

**Acceptable Caps and Lids**

Medicine Bottle Caps	Drink Bottle Caps
Milk Jug Caps	Flip -Top Caps (ketchup, mustard)
Detergent Caps	Spout Caps mustard
Hair Sprays Caps	Spray Paint Caps
Toothpaste Tube Caps	Ointment Tube Caps
Deodorant Caps	Caps with Recycle numbers of 2, 4, 5
Cottage Cheese Container Lids	Cool Whip Container Lids
Mayonnaise Jar Lids	Coffee Can Lids
Yogurt Lids	Cream Cheese Container Lids
Peanut Butter Jar Lids	Butter Container Lids
Ice Cream Bucket Lids under 8"	

Not acceptable: metal of any kind, drink bottles, plastic type Ziplock bags, trigger sprayers, fast food drink lids, food containers, soap pumps, lotion pumps, or grocery bags.



# June Celebrations



## Birthdays

- |                  |                     |                       |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Larry Harter   | 13 Brandy Warner    | 20 Broden Warner      |
| 3 Brydon Diceanu | Brennen Troutwine   | 23 Shirley Thompson   |
| 4 Lance Witters  | 14 Ethan Warner     | 24 Kelly Netzley      |
| 7 Eric Heckman   | Sullivan Phillabaum | 26 Finley Schmitmeyer |
| 8 Kevin McKibben | 15 Kyle Flederjohn  | Morgan Canan          |
| 9 Brynnee Groff  | 16 Layni Ressler    | Rhonda Rich           |
| Katy Greenwald   | Noah Mehaffie       | 28 Joshua Kossler     |
| 11 Terri Thobe   | 17 Penny Wills      | 30 Sandra Hughert     |



## Anniversaries



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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Rob & Jennifer Arling          | 19 Eldon & Bev Erdmann    |
| 10 Steve & Caleena Hesler        | 22 Jay & Tammy Merzke     |
| 15 Tony & Linda Baker            | 24 Shawn & Beth Hein      |
| Trent & Michelle Groff           | 25 Logan & Olivia Ressler |
| 16 Humberto & Jennifer Rodriguez | 28 David & Pat Netzley    |



## Baptisms

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jennifer Baker    | 14 Andy McKibben    | 24 Larkin Ressler     |
| Larry Harter        | 15 Bradley Harleman | Rod Sease             |
| Beth Hein           | 16 Daniel Netzley   | 27 Callie Schmitmeyer |
| 4 Darrell Schneider | 20 Madisyn Nelson   | 28 Colton Groff       |
| 5 Aubree Myers      | 21 Alyna Nelson     | 29 Aaron Merzke       |
| 6 Linda Baker       | Tommy Nelson Jr.    | Kurt Baker            |
| 9 Todd Ulrich       | 22 Robby Arling     | Linda Feitshans       |
| 10 Emily Locke      | Zachary Gettinger   | Terri Thobe           |
| 13 Kyle Snider      | 23 Joshua Eller     |                       |
| Elena Rodriguez     | Shai Eller          |                       |
| Ian Rodriguez       |                     |                       |



June	
READERS	
7	Linda Baker
14	PJ Musser
21	Kathy Kathman
28	Caleena Hesler

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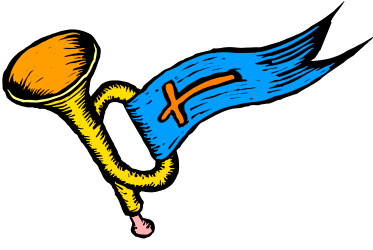
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Graduate Recognition 6:00 pm Video/Book Club "The Chosen"			10:30 am GRCC Soup Kitchen 7:00 pm Trinity Council Meeting	11:30 am Ladies & Gents Luncheon @Tin Roof Tavern, 127 N. Jefferson, Pittsburg	<b>Juneteenth: Freedom Day</b> 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	10:30 am First Communion Class
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