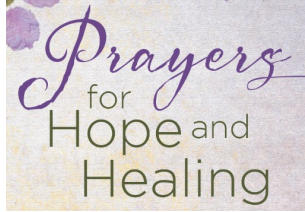


# The Trinity Trumpet

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## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder— Leukemia returned
- 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
- 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
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- David Kepler—Health
- Chloe Price—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
- 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 Padgett—Surgery
- Dean Warner—Hospice
- Rusty Warner
- Matt Legere
- Gavin Vaughn—Healing
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Danielle Moore
- Kylie Dubach—Elec. bike accident
- Mark Haney—Health
- Buck Family—House fire
- Heidi Perry—Cancer
- Maria Covrett—Health
- Judi Peters—Skin cancer
- Mandy—Dealing w/Grief
- Sammy Swank—Open heart surg.
- Linda Baker
- Tony Baker
- Sharon C.—Mom in Hospice
- Rhonda P.—Hospital testing

### U.S. & World Concerns:

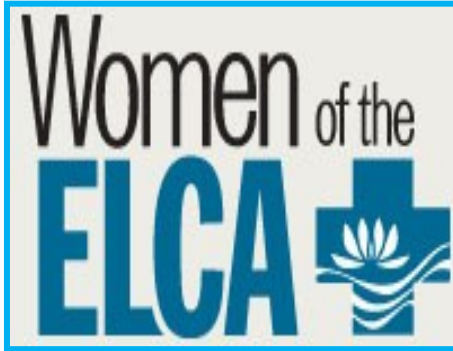
- War in Iran
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Israel fighting
- Peace in the Middle East
- Victims of Violence

*Our sympathy*  
to the family of  
**Larry Addis**

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 AUGUST TRINITY TRUMPET IS JULY 21st.**

July 2026



Hello Ladies!

### Summer Sabbaths: Rest, Refresh, Rejoice

July is a month when many of us slow down just a little. Gardens are growing, children and grandchildren are enjoying summer activities, and many families are taking vacations or gathering for picnics and celebrations. Since we do not have a WELCA meeting this month, I encourage each of us to embrace the gift of a summer Sabbath.

God created us not only for work but also for rest. In the busyness of life, we sometimes forget that rest is holy. Jesus often stepped away from the crowds to pray, reflect, and spend time with His Heavenly Father.

This month, consider a few simple ways to refresh your spirit:

- 🌻 Take a walk and notice God's beautiful creation around you.
- 🌻 Spend a few quiet moments each day in prayer.
- 🌻 Read a favorite Psalm while sitting on your porch or patio.
- 🌻 Send a note or make a phone call to someone who may need encouragement.
- 🌻 Share a meal, a smile, or a kind word with a neighbor.

As women of faith, we continue to serve even when we are not gathered together. Every act of kindness reflects God's love to those around us.

Our scripture for July is:

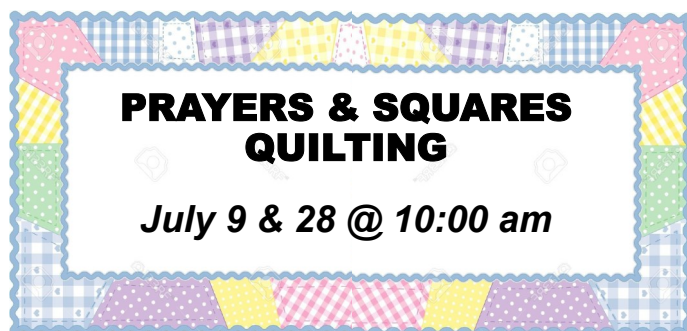
*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* — Psalm 118:24

Thank you for all the ways you support the ministries of our congregation throughout the year. Whether you quilt, pray, visit, cook, volunteer, or simply offer encouragement, your faithfulness makes a difference.

Enjoy these beautiful summer days, stay safe, stay cool, and remember that God's blessings surround us wherever we go.

Wishing you a joyful and restful July!

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



### ***Ladies & Gents Luncheon***

***Thursday, July 16 @ 11:30 am***

***@ Olive Garden  
6722 Miller Ln., Dayton***

# Word from Our Pastor

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.” Gal 5:13*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

July is a month when we hear a lot about freedom. This year we get to celebrate our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. We give thanks for God’s blessings upon our nation, the sacrifices of those who have served, and the gift of living in a place where we can gather, worship, speak, pray, and serve. As Christians, we also remember that the deepest freedom we have is not something we earned for ourselves. As stated in our Declaration of Independence the freedoms we enjoy are all gifts from God. In Jesus Christ, we’re set free from sin, free from fear, free from having to prove our worth, and free from the burden of believing everything depends on us.

Martin Luther expressed this beautifully in *The Freedom of a Christian* when he wrote: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” At first, that sounds like a contradiction. How can we be both perfectly free and perfectly bound in service? Luther was getting at the heart of the Gospel. Because of Christ, we do not serve God or our neighbor in order to earn God’s love. We serve because we have already been loved. We don’t love others so God will be gracious to us. We love because God has already been gracious to us in Jesus Christ. That means Christian freedom is never just “freedom from.” It is also “freedom for.”



We are set free from sin, death, and the fear that we are not enough. We’re set free for love, mercy, generosity, forgiveness, and service. In Christ, we’re most free when we are no longer turned in on ourselves, but opened up toward God and neighbor. That kind of freedom is lived out in simple, faithful ways. It happens when someone teaches a child the love of Jesus. It happens when people prepare food, set up tables, clean up afterward, pray for one another, visit the sick, bring supplies, tie knots in prayer quilts, help with worship, sing hymns, offer a ride, share a kind word, or quietly serve in ways most people never see.



This month at Trinity, we will see that freedom in action through Vacation Bible School on July 7 and 9 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. VBS is not just another event on the calendar. It is an opportunity to share the love of Christ across generations. It’s a chance to welcome children, encourage families, build community, and remind one another that God’s grace is still at work among us. Summer can scatter us in many directions. There are vacations, ball games, cookouts, family visits, the Great Darke County Fair, gardens, and plenty of work to be done. Wherever this month takes you, remember this: you belong to Christ. You are loved by God. You have been set free by grace. Because of that freedom, we are sent back into the world—not to live for ourselves alone, but to love our neighbors, serve one another, and bear witness to the hope we have in Jesus.

May this July be a season of gratitude, rest, joy, and service. And may the freedom we have in Christ continue to shape the way we live together as the people of Trinity.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mel



# Children, Youth & Family Ministry

JULY



## 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!

### 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

Meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month but ON HOLD until September.

### Lutheran Course

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Children, Youth & Family Ministry Meeting

July 2<sup>nd</sup>- Meeting at 10:00 am Decorating for VBS following meeting.

This is an open meeting—everyone is welcome!

**Vacation Bible School-** July 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 6pm and ends around 8:15pm. Registration is online, or paper registrations are in the entry area. Our theme this year is Galaxy- Launching Kids on a mission of God's love. Bible point: God loves us, so love each other. Bible Verse: "Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)

**Annual Picnic-** VBS celebration and picnic will be on July 12th. Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

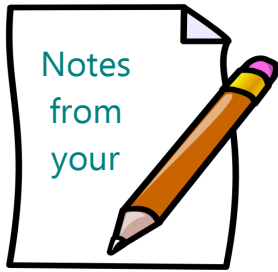
### Scripture Encouragement

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5

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

**Contact Information:** **PJ Musser**, Children, Youth & Family Ministry Leader (2026–2027) ☐ 937-626-3295



**July 2026**

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

## **Cancer Treatment Options: Understanding the Journey**

### **Surgery**

Surgery is one of the oldest and most common cancer treatments. The goal is to remove the cancerous tumor and, when necessary, some surrounding tissue. Surgery may be used alone or combined with other treatments.

### **Chemotherapy**

Chemotherapy uses medications to destroy cancer cells or stop them from growing. These medicines travel throughout the body, making them useful when cancer has spread beyond one area. Some people experience side effects such as fatigue, nausea, hair loss, or increased risk of infection, but many of these side effects can be managed with modern medications and supportive care.



### **Radiation Therapy**

Radiation therapy uses high-energy rays to target and destroy cancer cells in a specific area of the body. Treatments are usually painless, though patients may experience fatigue or skin irritation in the treated area.

### **Immunotherapy**

Immunotherapy helps the body's own immune system recognize and fight cancer cells. This newer form of treatment has shown remarkable results for some cancers and continues to be an area of active research and advancement.

### **Targeted Therapy**

Targeted therapy focuses on specific characteristics of cancer cells that help them grow and spread. Because these treatments are designed to target particular cancer cells, they may cause fewer side effects than some traditional treatments.

### **Hope Through Treatment**

Cancer treatment has advanced tremendously over the past several decades. Today, many cancers can be successfully treated, managed, or even cured. Researchers continue to discover new therapies, offering hope to patients and families facing a diagnosis.

If you or a loved one is facing cancer treatment, remember that you do not walk this path alone. Healthcare professionals, family members, friends, and your church family can provide support, encouragement, and prayer throughout the journey.

### **Scripture**

*"The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace."* — Psalm 29:11

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
We pray for all those undergoing cancer treatment. Grant them strength for each day, wisdom for their healthcare teams, and comfort during times of uncertainty. Surround them with caring family members, faithful friends, and the assurance of Your presence. May they find hope in Your promises and peace in knowing that You walk beside them through every step of their journey.  
Amen.

**Blessings,**  
**PJ Musser, MSN, RN**  
*Community Faith Nurse*



# July Celebrations



## Birthdays

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Angela Morelli<br>Michelle Groff          | 13 Cory Campbell<br>Neville Hughert                  | 25 Landon Tauscher<br>Portia Boord                                    |
| 2 Carter Kemp                               | 14 Bradey Hesler<br>Shane Warner                     | 26 Emma Hein<br>Gabriel Zderad  |
| 3 PJ Musser<br>Steve Hesler<br>Tracy Kemper | 15 Crew Baker<br>Hudson Rich                         | 27 Ethan Tauscher   |
| 4 Helena Proffit<br>Jack Garwood            | 15 Beckett Schmitmeyer                               | 28 Emily Spalding<br>Mackenzie Canan<br>Noelle Murray<br>Tammy Merzke |
| 5 Stephen Angles                            | 16 Joyce Hofacker                                    | 29 Kristen Vititoe  |
| 7 Eldon Erdmann<br>Matthew Erdmann          | 20 Brittani Groff<br>Troy Troutwine                  | 30 Aimee Nelson<br>Kristen Garwood                                    |
| 8 Hannah Nickol                             | 22 Peggy Didier                                      | 31 Crew Diceanu   |
| 9 Lucas Tauscher                            | 23 Tony Baker  |   |
| 11 Emily Jordan                             | 24 Colton Troutwine<br>Mark Groff<br>Melia Hemmerich |   |
| 12 Amber Thacker<br>Donna Stickley          |  |   |



## Anniversaries



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| 1 Mark & Pamela Oswalt  | 12 Kraig & Shannon Ressler   | 25 Rick & Nonnie Myers                             |
| 2 Brian & Mollie Watson | 16 Adam & Jennifer Hemmerich | 30 Joseph & Melissa Sagan<br>Shawn & Beth Thompson |
| 9 John & Sarah Beard    | 18 Brad & Miranda Harleman   |  |
| 11 David & Marge Warner | 23 Kevin & Linda McKibben    |  |



## Baptisms

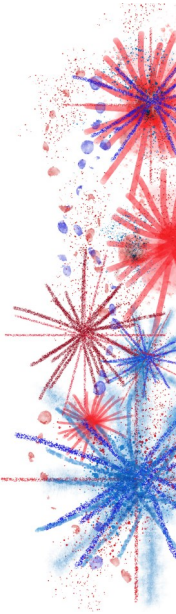




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| 2 Terry Warner   | 15 Ruby Baker                      | 24 Matthew Erdmann  |
| 9 Lucas Tauscher | 16 Nychelle Cool<br>Sarah Jasinski | 25 Jonathan Brandon |
| 13 Danyelle Cool | 18 Sarah Beard                     | 27 Stephanie Tromba |
| 14 Emery Musser  | 20 Shawn Thompson                  | 28 Misti Snider     |

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READERS	
5	Chris Cassel
12	Larry Harter
19	Peggy Didier
26	Rob Arling

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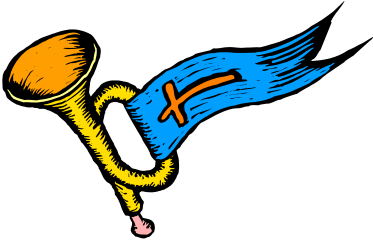
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am Youth & Family Ministry Meeting	2 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	3 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship	6 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School @ Trinity	7 6:00 pm Trinity Council Meeting	8 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School @ Trinity	9 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	10 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	11
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