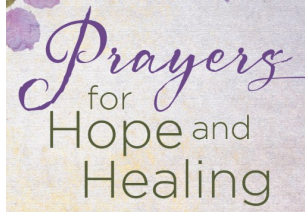


The Trinity Trumpet

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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
- James “Chief” Combs—Healing
- Darrel Schneider—Health
- Jason Schenck—Health
- Debbie Franz—Health
- Wanda Rothwell
- Sarah—Heart transplant
- Steve Brewer—Cancer return
- Carolyn Troutwine—Health
- Glen Kreitzer
- Hazel Berman (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
- Rusty Warner
- Matt Legere
- Gavin Vaughn—Healing
- Connie Padgett—Surgery
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Danielle Moore

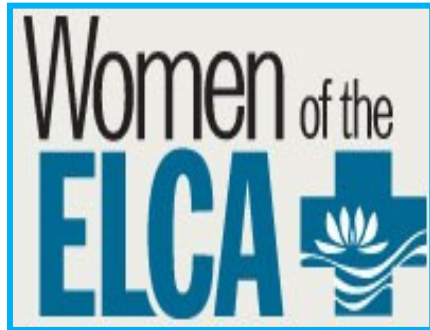
U.S. & World Concerns:

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

Our sympathy
to the families of
Kurt Garber
Judy Baker

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.

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE TRINITY TRUMPET IS MAY 19th.



May 2026

Celebrating Motherhood & the Beauty of May

As we step into the beautiful month of May, we are surrounded by signs of new life—flowers blooming, trees budding, and longer days filled with sunshine. It feels fitting that this is also the month we pause to celebrate **Mother's Day**, honoring the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us so deeply.

Motherhood is one of the most powerful reflections of God's love. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, spiritual mentor, or someone who lovingly cares for others, your role matters more than you may ever realize.

Scripture reminds us of the beauty and strength found in a godly woman:

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." — Proverbs 31:25

This verse paints a picture of a woman grounded in faith, confident in God's promises, and full of grace. What a beautiful reminder that our worth is not in perfection, but in the strength, God provides us each day.

Another comforting reminder of God's nurturing love comes from:

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." — Isaiah 66:13

Isn't that beautiful? The love of a mother is so powerful that God uses it to describe His own love for us. Mother's Day can bring a mix of emotions. For some, it is joyful and celebratory. For others, it may hold grief, longing, or memories of loved ones. This month, let us be mindful and compassionate lifting one another up in prayer and love.

You are seen. You are valued. You are deeply loved.



Did You Know? Fun Facts About May

- The month of May is named after **Maia**, a Roman goddess associated with growth and nurturing—how fitting for a month celebrating life and motherhood!
- May's birth flower is the **lily of the valley**, symbolizing sweetness and humility.
- The birthstone for May is the **emerald**, representing renewal and hope.
- **Mother's Day** became an official U.S. holiday in 1914, thanks to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her own mother's legacy.

Hats Off to Mothers – Save the Date!

We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of fellowship at our *Mother–Daughter–Friend Event, Hats Off to Mothers*, on **May 3rd**. 2 pm-4 pm All women are warmly invited to attend and celebrate together!

Please bring an appetizer/desert to share (not required) as we enjoy time around the table. The men of the church will graciously provide musical entertainment and assist with cleanup—something we truly appreciate!

The afternoon will include lighthearted games, engaging activities, and a fun opportunity for hat decorating, so feel free to bring your creativity and join in the festivities. Most importantly, we'll gather for laughter, connection, and meaningful time together.

We hope you'll make plans to join us for this special event, it's sure to be a joyful celebration for all!

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Gracious God, Thank You for the gift of women who nurture, love, and guide others. Help us to reflect Your compassion and strength in all we do. Comfort those who are hurting this Mother's Day, and fill each heart with Your peace. May we walk in Your love and share it generously with others. Amen.

PJ Musser
WELCA Leader
Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church
2025–2026

Word from Our Pastor



Trinity Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, amen.

Jesus says in John 15:9, *“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.”*

May is one of those months that feels full of life. The trees leaf out, fields begin to green, flowers bloom, school years start winding down, and many of us begin spending more time outdoors. After the gray dormancy of winter, May feels like a month of growth, renewal, and fresh possibility.



May is also a fitting time to hear Jesus’ words: *“Abide in my love.”* Notice Jesus does not say, “Earn my love,” or “Prove yourself worthy of my love,” or even “Go find my love.” He says, *“Abide in my love.”* In other words, remain there. Stay there. Live there. Make your home there. That’s good news, because so much in life pulls us in the opposite direction. We live in a world that teaches us to measure ourselves by productivity, success, appearance, busyness, or what others think of us. Even in the Church, we can sometimes slip into thinking faith is mostly about doing more, trying harder, or getting everything right.

Jesus begins somewhere else. He begins with love. His love. A love given before we deserve it. A love poured out in mercy. A love strong enough to go all the way to the cross. A love stronger even than death itself. That is the love in which we are called to abide.

As we move through this Easter season and toward Pentecost, it is worth asking: where am I trying to live? In worry? In fear? In resentment? In the pressure to keep everything together? Or am I learning again to live in the love of Christ?

To abide in Jesus’ love does not mean life suddenly becomes easy. It does mean we don’t face life alone. Christ holds us. Christ forgives us. Christ keeps calling us back when we wander. Christ nourishes us through His Word, through prayer, through the fellowship of the Church, and at His table. In a world full of noise and distraction, abiding in Jesus may look simple: showing up for worship, opening the Scriptures, praying even when words are hard to find, serving a neighbor, or simply remembering in the middle of an ordinary day, “I belong to Christ, and Christ loves me.” It might look simple on paper but living our lives in Christlike manner in a broken and sinful world is no small thing. In fact, it is everything.

My prayer for you this month is that in the middle of all the activity May brings, you might be able to find your rest in the love of Jesus. Not a love you must earn, but a love already given. Not a love that depends on your strength, but a love rooted in His faithfulness.

So, whatever this month holds—planting and growing, celebrating and remembering, working and resting—may you abide in the One who first abides with you.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Mel



Children, Youth & Family Ministry

MAY



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

Meets each Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** in the Pastor's office.

Acolyte Training

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Meeting

Date to be determined

10:00 a.m.

This is an open meeting—everyone is welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion Class

For questions, please see Pastor Mel.

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

"All things work together for good to them that love God." — Roman 8:28

Contact Information:

PJ Musser 937-626-3295

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Leader (2026–2027)

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Arling
and Troop 185
cordially invite you to the
Eagle Scout Court of Honor
for

Robert Arling

Sunday, May 17
2:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
8520 Oakes Road
Pitsburg, Ohio

Reception following Ceremony



EAGLE SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR

EVERYONE'S
INVITED

**Graduation party
for Robby Arling**

Sunday, May 31
from 4:00—7:00 pm

@ J & J Enterprises

3875 St. Rt. 502,

Greenville

SAVE your
CAPS
& lids



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 ^T	

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.



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Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

Cancer Treatment Options: What Patients May Experience

A cancer diagnosis can feel overwhelming, and one of the first questions many people ask is, "What happens next?" While each person's journey is unique, understanding the common treatment options can help ease uncertainty and provide a sense of direction.

There are several types of cancer treatments, and many patients receive a combination depending on the type and stage of cancer:

- **Surgery:** Used to remove tumors or cancerous tissue from the body.
- **Chemotherapy:** Uses medications to destroy cancer cells or stop them from growing.
- **Radiation therapy:** Uses high-energy rays to target and kill cancer cells.
- **Immunotherapy:** Helps the body's immune system recognize and fight cancer.
- **Targeted therapy:** Focuses on specific changes in cancer cells to stop their growth.



While these treatments can be effective, they may also bring side effects, which vary from person to person. Some of the more common experiences include:

- Fatigue or low energy
- Nausea or changes in appetite
- Hair loss (with some treatments)
- Changes in skin or sensitivity
- Emotional stress, anxiety, or uncertainty

It is important to remember that healthcare teams work closely with patients to manage these side effects and provide support throughout treatment. Advances in medicine have made many treatments more tolerable than in the past.

Beyond the physical effects, cancer treatment can also impact emotional and spiritual well-being. This is where the support of family, friends, and a caring faith community becomes especially meaningful. A kind word, a meal, a prayer, or simply being present can make a lasting difference.

For those walking through treatment, it is okay to take things one day at a time. For those supporting someone, your presence matters more than having the "right" words.

Even in the midst of uncertainty, there is hope. God's presence remains constant, offering strength, comfort, and peace through every step of the journey.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." — Isaiah 40:29

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

Ladies & Gents Luncheon
Thursday, May 21 @ 11:30 am
@ Freddy's
910 S. Main, Englewood

**PRAYERS & SQUARES
QUILTING**
May 14 & 26 @ 10:00 am

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | ___ C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D ____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | __ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) | G _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) | H _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | I _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | J _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | _____ K ____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | __ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | M _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ N ____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | O _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T ____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | ___ U ____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | ___ V ____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | _____ Y |
| James (Matthew 4:21) | Z _____ |

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, David, Mary, Zebedee

Everyday Wisdom for the Journey

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.

—Walter Winchell

The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered that I was not God.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.

—Zig Ziglar

Don't keep God in a box; include him at the table.
—Focus on the Family

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.





May Celebrations



Birthdays

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| 1 Russ Spalding | 12 Carol Castello | 19 Shelly Evans |
| Yvonne Barga | Jennifer Baker | 20 Hayley Harleman |
| 4 Shannon Ressler | Sarah Jasinski | 24 Callie Schmitmeyer |
| 5 Shawn Thompson | Sharon Archer | 25 Bradley Harleman |
| Mendy Archer | 13 Kurt Baker | Kyle Ressler |
| 7 Justin Vanatta | 15 Miles Baker | 26 Micah Angles |
| 9 Cindy Bruner | 16 Danyelle Cool | 27 Austin Harleman |
| David McKibben | Jennifer Hemmerich | 29 Maya Diceanu |
| Larkin Ressler | 17 Jean Cool | |
| 10 Nicolas Daniels | 18 Joshua Snider | |
| Stephanie Tromba | Zayden Hemmerich | |



Anniversaries



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| 9 Russ & Jennifer Spalding | 24 Jon & April Zderad |
| 15 BJ & Bethany Nickol | 29 Laszlo & Sara Koos |
| 16 Paul & Christi Jasinski | 31 Mark & Krista Coppess |
| 17 Stephen & Julie Kossler | |
| 18 Joe & Kelly Netzley | |



Baptisms



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| 1 Julie Kossler | 12 Diana Hesler | 22 Melanie Merzke |
| Shirley Thompson | Tyler Tauscher | 23 Shannon Ressler |
| 3 Joyce Hofacker | 15 Ava Erdmann | 24 Natalie Snider |
| Justin Troutwine | Wesley Harleman | 26 Kalysta Thobe |
| 8 Devyn Thobe | 20 Judy Ulrich | 27 Noah Harleman |
| 9 Barbara Gettinger | 21 Isabella Harleman | 28 Ryan Garwood |
| 10 Pam Barga | Morgan Custer | Tony Garwood |
| | | 31 Blake Gettinger |

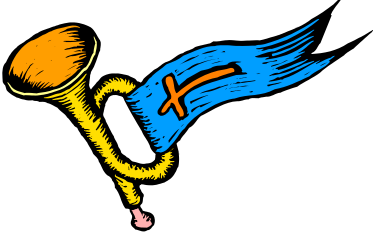
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