



February Newsletter 2021



Thank You

Thank you for remembering me at Christmas. I can't tell you how thankful I am to have this job. All these years have been a blessing to me to work here. In Christ's love,
-Linda Parsons

TLC Family,
Thank you so much for the gift this Christmas. It was very unexpected and a nice surprise. It's been a tough year and my prayers are for better times in 2021. Thanks so much,
-Jackie Wilkinson

Thank you so much for thinking of me at Christmas. I have enjoyed meeting some of the members here at TLC, but I haven't gotten the chance to meet many of you. I hope everyone is doing well and look forward to meeting you in the future. Thank you so much!
-Haleigh Kanouse

Thank you for the beautiful Poinsetta! May God bless you in the new year!
-The family of Earl Bauer

Lenten News

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

We will be offering Drive-Up Ashes To Go on this date. From 12:00pm-5:00pm.

They will also be passed out at our parking lot worship on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Each Wednesday during Lent at 7:00pm, we will be live streaming a Lenten meditation. You are encouraged to order the book Reliving the Passion by Walter Wangerin Jr. We will be using his devotionals. More Lenten news will be coming in our next newsletter.

Homebound

Please remember our homebound members or those in a nursing home. Please send them a card to let them know they're in our thoughts and prayers.

- Thelma Roose
3828 Egypt Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- June Huffman
804 Michael St.
Willard, OH 44890
- Norma Pitinger
1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Phyllis Bauer
1955 Townline Rd. 12
Willard, OH 44890
- Emma Vanichek
204 W. Main St.
New London, OH 44851
- Lois Phillips
3053 St. Rt. 61 S.
Willard, OH 44890
- Roger Thompson
26 Wedgewood Dr.
Willard, OH 44890
- Gerry Moyer
5411 Willard West Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Janice Capelle
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Monroeville, OH 44847
- Shirley Stockmaster
2814 S St. Rt. 4
Attica, OH 44807
- Janice Mossman
1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Pat Bittikofer
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Office Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to be trained as an office person to backup Haleigh. Karen Minich was the person who helped in the office for many years. She has recently moved to Indiana. If there is anyone in the church who has office skills and can help, let Pastor Janet know.

Letter from the Pastor



People of God,

What a difficult year this has been. There was no class offered in seminary to prepare me for the challenges of the Coronavirus, and physical distancing brought to my "normal life". So if you're feeling overwhelmed, afraid, angry, or in shock... I understand. So much feels and if different.

And yet some things remain: the love of God, the connections of friendship and prayer within our congregation, and our commitment to reach out in service to our neighbors. Trinity's Table continues to be an important outreach for our congregation. Since we have been offering drive thru meals during the pandemic it has continued to grow. People are taking our meals to senior citizens, some who this is their only meal of the day. Those receiving the meals have said they are so thankful the church is offering this ministry. We are serving high of 115 meals.

Here at Trinity Lutheran Church, we are learning new ways to be the church. We have been doing parking lot worship since last summer. We began live streaming our worship services on Facebook Live each week. These services are reaching many people, some who do not attend any worship service or have a church connection.

A thank you to all the people who have faithfully come together each week to make this happen.

We have held meetings and bible studies on Zoom.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our ministry and mission here at Trinity. Even though we are not currently meeting in person each week, the mission needs of our congregation continue. We give faithfully to support a missionary. We give to the larger church which has mission to support world hunger, colleges, and seminaries. Campus ministry, Lutheran Social Services, and many, many more ministries. In addition, we financially support local ministries such as Starting Point, which helps people in our own community. Many of them in dire need. They have no water, electricity, gas. Many people are being evicted during this time. We also help other groups that send a request letter for help. One of these are that we have contributed to is a ministry in Tiffin that helps those who have been a victim of human trafficking.

Those of you who have faithfully continues to support our mission and ministry are critical to our sustainability as a congregation.

Please continue to send in your weekly offering. They are needed and appreciated. They are a part of doing the Lord's word in our community and the church. If you find you are able to make an additional gift beyond your normal amount, that would be wonderful! Please know that your offerings, no matter what amount, is appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives. Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically we're apart.

With gratitude and in faithful service to Christ,

Pastor Janet

Year of Generosity

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

The Northwestern Ohio Synod theme for 2021 is *Generosity*. We are inviting our parish to participate in a *6-21 Project* as a homage to Matthew 6:21. "Project 6:21" got its name because over the next SIX weeks, we will attempt for each family to fulfill the list of TWENTY-ONE items.

Over the next six weeks, February 6 - March 21, we will be collecting the following items. Once you are done collecting, you can drop them off at the church building and we will deliver them to the Willard Foodbank. Each Sunday we will have a box available during parking lot worship to collect these needed items.

1. If you OWN a toothbrush, DONATE a toothbrush.
2. For every week you eat breakfast, donate a box of cereal.
3. For every week you eat lunch, donate a can of hearty soup (with meat) or a can of stew.
4. For every week you eat supper, donate a rice side dish.
5. For every week you have a car, donate (in cash) the equivalent of the price of 2 gallons of gasoline.
6. For every bathtub/shower in your home, donate a bottle of shampoo.
7. For every toilet in your home, donate a 4 pack of toilet paper.
8. For every sink, donate a dish or hand soap.
9. For every month of the year your run your furnace, donate a can of vegetables.
10. For every month of the year you run an air conditioning unit, donate a can of fruit.
11. For every pet you have, donate a box of pasta and a jar of sauce.
12. For every meal you eat from a restaurant, donate a larger size of baby diapers.
13. For every smartphone, tablet, or computer you have in your home, donate a canned meat.
14. For every video game console in your home, donate 6 jars of baby food.
15. If you have a microwave oven, donate a box of microwave popcorn.
16. For every flat screen tv in your home, donate a box of pancake mix.
17. If you subscribe to cable, satellite, and streaming services, donate a bottle of pancake syrup.

LEND-A-HAND NEWS

The Lend-A-Hand group had another successful year, in spite of the COVID Pandemic. During this past year (Oct. 2019 – Oct. 2020) the ladies completed and prepared for shipment to Lutheran World Relief: **48 Quilts; 59 Baby Care Kits; 80 School Kits; 47 Personal Care Kits; 10 Fabric Kits** and **2 Blankets**. Monetary donations were also made to Lutheran World Relief's shipping fund which helps them with the cost of shipping all of these items to those in need around the world. A total of **375 face masks** were also made and sent to LWR separately.

Items for various kits will continue to be collected throughout the year.

We plan to use the Season of Hope campaign during Lent again to collect items for the Personal Care Kits: dark colored light-weight bath size towels, bath size (4 to 5 oz.) bars of soap, adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb and metal nail clippers.

The School kit supplies will be collected mainly in the summer when sales are going on: 70-sheet notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), box of 24 crayons, 2-1/2" erasers.

Baby care kit supplies for sizes 6 to 24 months can be purchased any time a good bargain is found: cloth diapers, cotton t-shirts, gowns or sleepers (without feet), receiving blankets, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts, hats, socks, dark colored hand towels, bath size (4 to 5 oz.) bars of gentle soap.

Lend-A-Hand continues to participate in the Recycled Card Program for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The fronts of all types of cards (birthday, get well, Christmas, etc.) can be used. If possible, please put an "X" on the back of your card if it is a Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting card. These cards cannot be sent to St. Jude's Ranch, but are given to the After School Enrichment program here in Willard. New cards such as those you might receive in the mail from charities and do not plan to use are also accepted.

We also continue to collect cancelled postage stamps.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings at the parking lot/drive-in church service. Any monetary donations for kit items may be mailed to Pam Marquart, 110 Leonard St., Willard and we will do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 419-933-4215. Thank you for the continued support of this



Birthdays!



Sydney Green 02/03

Mary Shade 02/04

Nicholas Adkins 02/05

Ned Peddicord 02/06

Sandra Polachek 02/07

Claudette Snook 02/08

Carol Price 02/08

Lisa Bogner 02/10

Kenneth Ritchey 02/11

Eldon Ritz 02/11

Dale Tanner 02/11

Tami Kousma 02/11

Emmalyn Robinson 02/11

Cathy Weaver 02/14

Casey Barnett 02/15

Wesley Newmyer 02/17

Christopher Smith 02/18

Denise Schaub 02/19

Chase Harter 02/19

Tracy Arnold 02/20

Brentan Ryman 02/21

Abrahm Moore 02/21

Nicole Jones 02/23

Judith Oney 02/25

Jean Hutchinson 02/26

William Gates 02/26

Anniversaries!



Richard & Jeannine Snay 02/01/2002
19 Years

James & Addie Snay 02/02/1991
30 Years

Robin & Valerie Kuhn 02/09/1980
41 Years

Marc & Terri Gumbert 02/19/2000
21 Years

