

Trinity Lutheran Church  
308 Myrtle Ave, Willard



**Support Trinity Lutheran Church Youth!!!**  
**Fundraiser @ Sweet Smitty's**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Proceeds will be used to help the youth travel to the National Youth Gathering.



**August 20th from 2-4 pm**

Trinity's Table

- Aug 3rd: Hot Ham & Cheese sandwich, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Brownie
- Aug 17th: Shredded Chicken Sandwich, tater tots, fruit, cookie
- Sept 7th: Pizza, Fruit, Bar Cookie
- Sept: 21st: Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, vegetable, Cupcake

We are so excited to let everyone know that our noisy bucket collection for the ELCA Good Gifts Barnyard Animals collected \$143.68 on Sunday mornings in our milk bucket, \$90.10 from the children's blue pig and \$139.11 from VBS. An additional Gift of \$342.11 has been given to bring our total to \$715 and purchase a family farm! Thank you for your generous giving.

Thank you to all who volunteered for VBS. We appreciate your willingness to invest your time in the children.

**HOMEBOUND**

Please reach out to our members who are not able to attend church and let them know you are thinking of them

- Norma Pittenger  
1050 Neal Zick Rd.  
Willard, OH 44890
- Marlene Hinebaugh  
Elizabeth Scott Community  
2720 Albon Rd., RM 140  
Maumee, OH 43557
- Janice Mossman  
1050 Neal Zick Rd.  
Willard, OH 44890
- Shirley Stockmaster  
The Willows

**There will be NO Game Night in August.**

The popular 'Forget-Me-Not Flower Garden' will return to the fellowship hall as a team fundraiser. Your contribution can be made in memory of or in honor of someone with dementia. All checks payable to:

Alzheimer's Association



**THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S STARTS WITH YOU!**

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**  
**TU/Heminger Center**

Join or donate to  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN, WILLARD**

Team Captain:  
Mary Jeanne Christoff  
419-935-0787  
Checks payable to:  
Alzheimer's Association

**Be the start of something BIG!**

# From the Pastor

When Jesus fed the five thousand hungry people, he used the food that a young boy provided. The boy had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. This boy was willing to give all that he had to help others. What example of faith and generosity. Jesus used what was provided and multiplied it so that all were fed.

God takes our generosity and multiplies it to help others. At Trinity it all started with a few little children feeding coins into a piggy bank during a children's sermon. Because of their giving we soon had enough coins to buy a pig and some chicks for a family in need. We continued to collect coins each week and at VBS. Our goal was to purchase an entire barnyard. We collected over \$300 which was not enough for an entire barnyard. An anonymous donor contributed the rest of the coins so that our children could purchase an entire barnyard!

Just like the feeding of the five thousand God uses what we give and multiplies our offering to change lives. Because of all the coins the children collected a family in a country far away will become self-sufficient. They will no longer be living in poverty.

May we all continue to grow in our giving and faith in God so that all may be fed.

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Janet*



## July Birthdays



Holly Adkins 8/02

Scott Isaac 8/04

Kari Boyd 8/08

Larry Bittikoffer 8/12

Darrell Wilkinson 8/13

Nancy Trimner 8/15

Burdette Robinson Jr 8/18

Robert Shade 8/18

Daniel Christoff 8/19

Connie Smith 8/19

James Rockwell 8/21

Bill Kelley 8/24

Carolyn Cummings 8/26

Carol Buss 8/29

Richard Willoughby 8/29

## July Anniversaries

Richard & Barbara Bivens 8/02 23 yrs

James & Elizabeth Rockwell 8/8 8 yrs

Matthew & Ellie Moore 8/21 13 yrs



Our Aug Food Pantry item: Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce  
Donations can be dropped off on Sunday Mornings

**Thank you Ruth Ann Weisenauf for taking over the Card Ministry!**



## LEND-A-HAND NEWS:

**Special thanks** to all who contributed personal care kit items and monetary donations during our Season of Hope campaign. We were able to complete 80 personal care kits for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. **THANK YOU!**

School supply sales will begin shortly and the Lend-A-Hand group will again collect items for school kits to be assembled and shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Each backpack/bag/kit contains the following:

- 4 spiral 70-sheet notebooks
- 1 ruler (12 in. or 30 centimeters)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser 2-1/2" long



Items can be brought to the church any time and placed in the designated baskets available at the parking lot entrance or the Narthex. Any monetary donations for kit items may also 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. Your continued donations and support for these projects is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Dear Church Family;

As Council President I have been asked to write this letter on generosity. Our churches' well being and ministries happen because of you. Often in the summer months when people are away we forget to give or make up our giving.

What's the deal with tithing and offering anyway? Well, churches, just like any other organization, need funds to operate. Staff salaries, facility costs, local and foreign mission opportunities and a whole slew of other things that a church can be involved in require money. And the majority of every church's budget comes from the donations of those who are a part of that church.

Giving is a Faith act and how we grow. God is generous and so he calls us to be as well. What we do with what God has given us shows the world where our hearts are at and helps proclaim the gospel. We want to glorify God with every area of our lives, and that includes what we do with our finances.

**Luke 6:38:** "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Council encourages the use of online giving. Trinity Lutheran Church offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel throughout the year or simply can't make it for a Sunday service, electronic giving offers you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Credit & Debit Card Giving or entering your checking account information allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving allows you to go to Trinity's Website or download the mobile app at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or make a one-time donation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

#### **Online Giving**

1. Click the link below to start your online giving
2. Select the fund you want to contribute
3. Enter the amount, frequency and add to basket

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCH8/home>

#### **Mobile App Giving**

1. Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App.
2. Search for Trinity Lutheran Church, Willard, OH
3. Select Give
4. Select the fund you want to contribute to
5. Enter in amount (min. of \$5.00) and frequency
6. Click Add to basket
7. Go to Basket and follow steps to enter payment information.



As always thank you for your generous support for the mission and ministries of our church and the many years you have supported this community.

Grace and Peace,  
Kelly Poths

# Psalm 23

## PRAYER

Lord, please gather me in Your arms and be my Shepherd.  
**Show me what I have in You and from You.**

I need rest in green pastures and refreshment from still waters  
**Lead me there. I will follow.**

When I wander, restore me.  
**Remind me that You will always lead me**  
Down the right path even if it feels wrong sometimes.

As You lead me down right paths, I will follow in humility.  
**And may my humility bring You honor.**

When the valley gets dark, Lord, please draw me close to You  
**May Your presence in my valley be stronger than my fear.**  
Let me feel Your comfort

Save me a seat at Your table of blessing, Lord. Protect me from my enemies.  
**Overflow my life with the richness of Your Spirit.**  
May my grateful heart brim with immeasurable grace.

Help me to slow down to experience the goodness and mercy that  
always pursue me.  
**May I be overtaken by Your lovingkindness.**

Lord, I want to experience the reality of Your presence  
**From now until the day You invite me to live with You forever.**

Amen