



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!

News for the week of June 1, 2025

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- **Tommy Morgan**, undergoing testing
- **Linda Hill**, hospitalized
- **The family of Rick Foor**, called to eternal life on May 24

PASTOR CARRIER FAREWELL This Sunday, June 1, join us for a combined service at 10:00am as we bid farewell and Godspeed to Interim Senior Pastor John Carrier and his wife, Lori. A potluck luncheon will immediately follow the service. Trinity will provide chicken and ham; families with last names beginning with A-H are asked to bring a salad, I-Q a hot dish, and R-Z a dessert. We give thanks to God for Pastor Carrier's willingness to serve at Trinity for 15.5 months as we waited and prepared for a new senior pastor to arrive, and we ask Him to richly bless the Carriers as they depart from us. **Please note that there will be no regular 8:30am or 10:30am services on Sunday, June 1, but the 6pm Saturday evening service on May 31 will still be held.**



PASTOR GRENZ INSTALLATION AND MEET & GREET EVENTS Next Sunday, June 8, Pastor Grenz will be installed as Trinity's Senior Pastor at 3:00pm. A dinner (graciously prepared by our funeral luncheon team) will immediately follow. We hope you'll also mark your calendar and plan to attend one or more of the following meet & greet events (more details to come):

- Wednesday, June 25 – Town Hall Meeting with Pastor Grenz at 7:00pm in Trinity's gymnasium
- Saturday, July 12 – Potluck Picnic at Father Cairns Park (802 W. 8th St.) from 11:30am-2:30pm
- Sunday, August 3 – Mud Hens Game (406 Washington St., Toledo, OH, in the Perch area) at 4:05pm

VOTERS' MEETING UPDATE The annual budget for 2025-2026 was approved by the Voters' Assembly and included a **\$5 Weekly Challenge** that was proposed by the Board of Directors. The goal is for each household of our congregation to increase their offerings by \$5 per week. This challenge has been proposed to fund approximately \$65,000 for ministry and taking care of our staff which we could otherwise not afford due to anticipated lower offerings based on the current trend.

The financials for the period ending March 31, 2025, were presented and reflected offerings below budget of \$116,000. We do anticipate ending this year (June 30, 2025) in the black due to expenses being lower than budgeted; mainly due to one-time occurrences of lower benefit costs for the senior pastor position and finance hours worked being under the budgeted amount.

Other items approved were

- \$199,000 for the fire alarm system renovation for church and school to be paid for with Strategic Capital Improvement and reserve funds
- Constitution changes
- Peaceful release of Pastor Carrier from his call
- Grants from the Endowment Fund and election of members
- Braille Memo of Understanding

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to a board member. Packets from the meeting are available in the office.

PORTALS OF PRAYER Pocket, digest, and large print copies of the July-September edition of *Portals of Prayer* are now available in the nave and narthex. Please take one! Daily readings include a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer. A collection of specific prayers is also included. If you're looking for a simple way to begin your day with God's Word, encourage family members, or share your faith with a friend, this devotional is a great resource!



GRADUATE RECOGNITION We'd like to recognize our former graduates, celebrate their accomplishments, and pray for God's blessings on their future! On Wednesday, June 4, we invite former TLS students who are graduating in 2025 to join us in the church at 8:10am for a special graduate recognition event. Please wear your cap and gown! Refreshments will be provided after the service. Contact Mrs. Shannon Willey (swilley@trinitylutheranmonroe.org) to RSVP.



TRINITY CARNIVAL – PLANNING TEAM NEEDED Children's Ministry is planning our 2nd annual carnival and we'd love your help! If you're creative, organized, or just excited to pitch in, we'd love for you to join our planning team. Whether you can help with games, food, decorations, or logistics, there's a place for you! We'll be planning to hold two meetings after school is out and will plan to coordinate through email to keep things simple and flexible for everyone. If you are interested, contact Stacey (kidsmin@trinitylutheranmonroe.com or 734-652-5032). All help is appreciated!

GOLF SCRAMBLES CATTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER East Ida Immanuel Lutheran Men's Club will host their 7th annual golf fundraiser on Sunday, July 13, at Green Meadows Golf Course in Monroe. All proceeds go towards the purchase of beef for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne's Food Co-op. Cost is \$340 per team of 4, which includes greens fees for 18 holes of golf (with cart), hot dogs and drinks at the turn, a smoked beef brisket dinner, and prize eligibility. Dinner and hole sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, or to register your team, please contact Tom Woelmer (734-755-0359) or Richard Wilson (734-262-2181). Registration deadline is June 26.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, contact Shelly Vorrath at (734) 621-3548 or email: 1wyldkingdom@comcast.net. The sign-up board is posted on the wall near the rear of the sanctuary. If you sign up on the flower board, please include your phone number and email address.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

(Please contact the church office for more information)

Sunday, 6/1: Pastor Carrier Farewell & Godspeed
Worship @ 10:00a - HC (usher teams B-4, D-1)
Potluck Luncheon for the Carriers in the gym
Trinity Family Meal @ 6p

Wednesday, 6/4: Graduate Recognition @ 8:10am
Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds

Friday, 6/6: Half Day of School (11am Dismissal)

Saturday, 6/7: Bible Study @ 9a in Graceful Grounds
Worship @ 6p - HC (usher team C-1)

5/24 & 5/25 attendance: 6:00p – 84 8:30a – 77 10:30a – 73

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

*Readings for this weekend's services
include Acts 1:12-26; Revelation 22:1-6,
12-20; John 17:20-26*

He who testifies to these things
says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20



How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

Weekend Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (or later on our website)

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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