

June - July 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is a 1,000-page book titled *The World's Most Dangerous Places* by Robert Young Pelton. It highlights the five-star danger zones like Columbia, Chechnya, and Liberia. When Pelton describes these places, it is not to scare us away; rather, his intent is to help us get there and hopefully, survive. Nowhere, though, does he warn about the world's most dangerous place, and he certainly gives no guidance in how to survive when you are stuck there.



So, what is the most dangerous place? Love. No, it is not a geographical location; it is a place within us – within our heart, within our soul. It is all about the place of our relationships. Remember, we are created for relationships. God created us to be in relationship with Him, and with one another. And, for many people this is a difficult, dangerous place to go because they have been hurt. They have been disappointed. And it makes them vulnerable, fragile, exposed.

The more you love someone, the more that person can hurt you. Yet, we are all searching for love. We are all searching to be in relationship with someone or something. Truth is, we need to be loved. There is no escape from it because as God tells us, to give up on love is to give up on life. This is what God tells us in His great story of love and redemption, what we call the Bible. God designed us for love; it is necessary for us to have life. There is no escaping it.

As author Erwin McManus wrote,

We cannot live unaffected by love. We are most alive when we find it, most devastated when we lose it, most empty when we give up on it, most inhumane when we betray it, and most passionate when we pursue it. The human story seems more driven by the insanity of love than the survival of the fittest.

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Keep this in mind as you reach out to your neighbor with the love of God in Christ Jesus. There is always more to their story than we will ever know, but we can certainly know that entering a relationship of love is the most dangerous place to be, the most dangerous place for a person to enter, especially if they have been hurt. But do not let that stop you from showing them the love of Jesus. Just be patient, understanding, and full of grace. Meet them where they are and gradually gain their trust. Before you know it, you just may find them praying with you and serving in the name of Christ alongside you.

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. ... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:34b-36, 40

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Kathy



Pastor's Report Highlights

- Church Directory picture signups are progressing really well
- Progress with Outreach Committee on prioritizing our efforts has had a great start
- Zedd's Confirmation Service is May 24th, a luncheon will follow
- Attending Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA with Zedd Butz the week of July 6-11
- Community Worship on July 19th at South Park. We'll have hotdogs, chips, and lemonade following worship. (The park pavilion has been reserved all day – it is how the city handles reservations now)
- VBS is Monday-Wednesday, July 20-22. HTLC is hosting on Tuesday. There will be a study for Tweens, and one for Adults, in addition to children ages pre-K through 5th grade.

Explanation of Offering Envelopes

The **June Offering** envelope supports **NALC Disaster Response**. What should NALC pastors or congregation leaders do when a natural disaster, such as flooding, tornado, or fire strikes in their community or in an area where the congregation is able to or desires to provide assistance? Contact the NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates, as quickly as possible so the prayer power of the NALC can be unleashed! NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and longer-term recovery. They can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers.

The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for rapid response when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance, enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response. Visit <https://thenalc.org/en-us/our-work/equipping-disciples/disaster-response/> to learn more about NALC Disaster Response.

The **July Offering** envelope supports the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee has decided that all funds collected will be used towards purchasing items to complete the foster care packages so that they are ready for distribution.



Monday-Wednesday, July 20-22.

HTLC hosts at First English on
Tuesday, July 21.

WHAT A MESS! JESUS LOVES A GOD MESS!

Join Us July 20-22 at First English Lutheran Church in downtown Mansfield for our annual community Vacation Bible School. There will be a meal served at 5pm with fun and Bible study to follow for age 4 through Adults.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS For JULY 21! We are hosting the VBS meal and children's programming for the night of July 21! We are in need of volunteers to lead crafts, games, and small group discussions. Also, kitchen help! Sign-up sheets will be coming! Contact Always Butz, (419) 989-2565 or binkeysweet@yahoo.com, if you are willing to help!

Barclay's View



Dear Friends,

Dad is headed to Malawi to volunteer with the Malawi Orphan Care Project we support. Our sunroom has been filled with boxes and supplies, lots of Amazon packages have been delivered to our front porch, and our dining table has been full of all sorts of things that he will be taking on his trip.

These things are for the children at the orphanage. They will be receiving things like soccer balls and cross necklaces, while the adults at the orphanage will be receiving manual air pumps and needles to fill the soccer balls with air. There are other items that they will be receiving but I don't know what they are. Sadly, they are not receiving anything that squeaks. That is unfortunate because if I had my say, they would be getting lots and lots of squeakers.

Malawi is located in southeast Africa, below the equator. The Ebola outbreaks have been happening further north, and in a separate water source from Malawi. As of now, there is no concern for Dad getting Ebola because of where he is traveling. He won't be close to any of that. While Dad will spend most of his time at the orphanage running a Vacation Bible School and working on some construction projects, he will also get a chance to go on a safari. I look forward to hearing all about his trip when he returns, and I hope you do, too.

So, what will Mom and I do while Dad is away? Mom says what we always do – work, do chores at home, go for hikes, and visit places where I can get some ice cream. Don't tell Dad this, but I look forward to having more space on the bed at night.

Please pray for safe travels and a fun, faith filled experience for my Dad (Pastor Dan) and Pastor Andy Jones while they are on their mission trip for 16 days.

Jesus loves you and I do, too!

Barclay



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you to all who attended worship and celebrated with our family for Zedd's Confirmation.

It was a heartwarming experience for us!

We are so very blessed by your support in our lives and are thankful to God for placing each of you in our lives.

We look forward to our continuing faith journey together!

In Christ's love,

Jon, Always, and Zedd Butz

Community Worship Service

On Sunday, July 19th we will move our regular worship service to South Park (55 Wellington Ave) to join other Mansfield congregations for a Community Worship Service. Worship is at 10:00am. A lite lunch of hotdogs, chips, and lemonade will follow worship. Please bring your own chairs.



National Day of Prayer Parade

Godsfield congregations came together on Thursday, May 7th for a National Day of Prayer Parade in Mansfield. The parade concluded at South Park for a service of prayer. Thank you to everyone who represented Holy Trinity.



NALC Continental Youth Gathering

Please pray for Zedd Butz and Pastor Kathy as they travel to Roanoke, VA the week of July 6th for the NALC Continental Youth Gathering. In addition to attending the gathering, Pastor Kathy will also be preaching at Wednesday's evening worship service.

BOOKS, COFFEE & DESSERT BOOK CLUB 2026

The book club will meet Thursday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Linda Fleming, to discuss the book, *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. A lost bookshop on a quiet street in Dublin, is waiting to be found. Who will come together to find it?? We will also be voting for monthly book selections to read throughout the remainder of 2026. If you would like to know more about the book club, contact Linda Fleming at 419-756-4929.

Flood Buckets

Be sure to pick up a flood bucket at church in June and fill it with the necessary items as listed in your bucket. Once completed, these buckets will be delivered to the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse in Caldwell and will then be distributed to an area where disaster has struck.

As you support our Flood Bucket drive, please know that there is a change this year. NALC Disaster Response can no longer accept DIY store gift cards. So, if you want to make a donation, please use your June Special Offering envelope, make your check out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and write on the memo line Disaster Response.

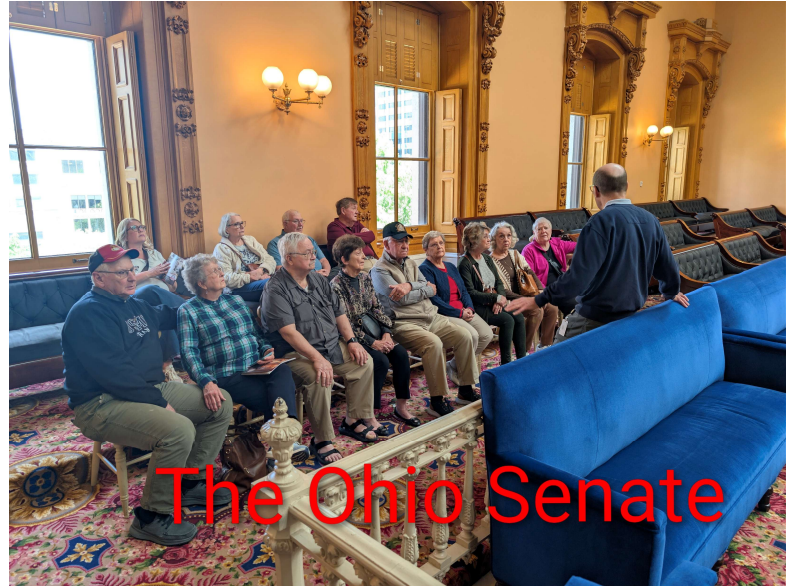


**DISASTER
RELIEF**

Journeyman & Sisters in Christ Activity

May Activity

On Monday, May 11, 2026, 13 HTLC members and one special guest gathered at the Statehouse in Columbus, OH to enjoy a guided tour arranged by Ernie Wilson. Following the tour, a late lunch at City BBQ in the Polaris Area was a welcome finish to end the activity before traveling home.



Committee & Group Meetings

Council – 6:30pm 2nd Tuesday of month
Finance Committee – 2:00pm 3rd Wednesday of month
Outreach Committee – 4:00pm 3rd Tuesday of month
Parish Education – 9:00am 1st Sunday of month
Property Committee – 6:00pm 1st Tuesday of month
Worship & Music Committee – 11:30am 2nd Thursday of the month
Comfort Makers Quilt Group – 10am 2nd Wednesday of month

Holy Carers will meet on

Tuesday, June 9 at 1pm.

Be sure to communicate with your shut-ins and visit them when you can. Cards, notes, and phone calls are greatly appreciated. Printed newsletters are available to take to your folks!

Comfort Makers

Our quilting group, the comfort makers, is a busy, productive group. Their time & talent contributes to some of the most beautiful, comforting quilts that are sent all around the world. Comfort Makers meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Prayer List

Our Prayer List is updated monthly. New copies are available on the first Sunday of each month. Make additions & changes on your copy and look for a new one every month.

NALC Weekly Updates

Subscribe to receive weekly updates from the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This is how you learn what is happening in the NALC. The emails usually arrive on Friday afternoons.

Subscribe at thenalc.org/en-us/connect/

Food Collection

Food collection continues every Sunday. Donated food will be taken to the designated agency after the Third Sunday of each month.

Reminders for Building Use

If you want to use building space for a meeting, activity or event, please complete a YELLOW reservation form, which are available in the literature rack in the Narthex. Submit this form to the office. We will confirm your reservation when we have reviewed your request and add it to the church calendar.

Church members are NOT required to pay any fees for building use. Payment to the sexton is suggested, and a donation to the building fund may also be made.

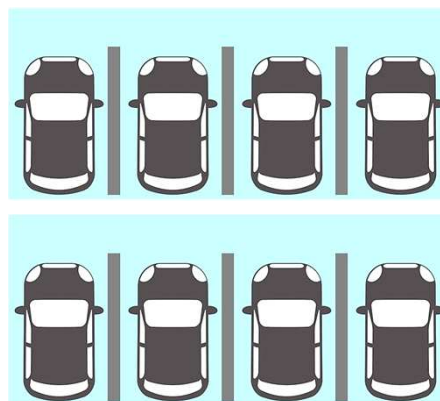
It is important to provide as many details as you can, prior to your event. Change requests during the week prior to your event cannot be guaranteed.

Parking Lot Project

During May, an additional \$13,900.00 was received for the Parking Lot Fund, taking the total donated to \$40,373.13. We are within \$4,114.00 of the stated goal of \$53,500.00.

As of June 1st, no date has been set for the paving project which will be followed by the replacement of the west entrance to the parking lot off Cook Road. We trust the goal can be reached by the end of June. A sincere "Thank You" to all who have already generously given.

Don Karger, Finance Chair





1st—Tom Pasheilich
2nd—Kathy Glessner
Ernie Wilson
6th—Carolyn England
7th—Jeneva Johns
9th—Shirley Garrison
Kristina Harris
10th—Ruth Schindler
14th—Carol Sneeeringer
15th—Connie Zappone

18th—Skip Burns
19th—Karl Them
21st—Betsy Blust
22nd—Beth Farnbauch
Michael Leech
23rd—Dan Distl
25th—Jim Shinabarger
28th—Carin Pierson
29th—Sheila Schaeffer



6th—Terry McKinley
11th—Sandra Moffit
14th—Don Karger
17th—Amelia Carmack
18th—Frank Zuber

19th—Jordan Fehr
23rd—Allyson Dooley
28th—Lee Russell
29th—Linda Fleming
Jerry Murphy
31st—Steve Pasheilich

ZEDD BUTZ CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY, MAY 24

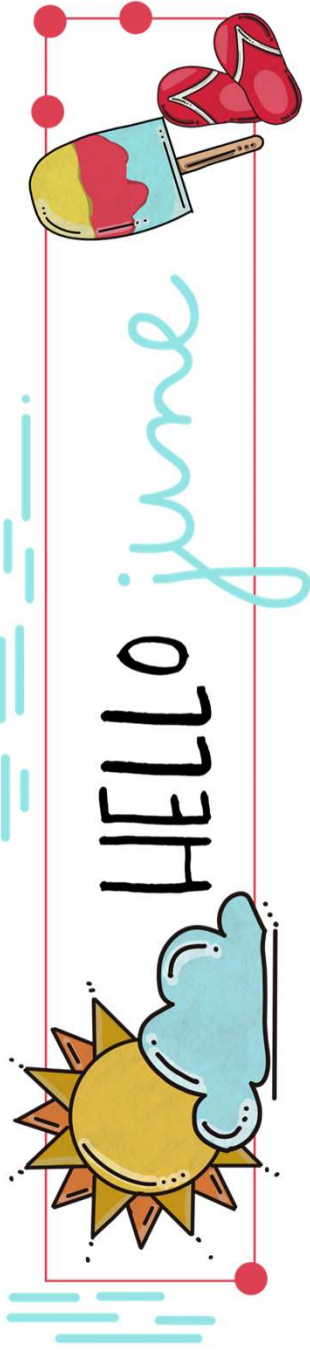
**Congratulations, Zedd!
On Pentecost Sunday
we celebrated with Zedd
on his confirmation.**



IN CHRIST'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
HEAD USHER	MARK SMITH			
DOOR GREETER				
WELCOME TABLE	KAREN TICKNOR			
USHERS	ELAINE BISHOP, LINDA BOLTMAN, DEB SMITH, CONNIE ZAPPONE			
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREG BOLTMAN AND JIM FLEMING			
LECTORS	CAROL BERTHOLF	ALWAYS BUTZ	NANCY COLLIER	LINDA COLLINS
CANTORS	BECKY SCHULTZ	KAREN FEICHTNER	RICK SCHULTZ	DICK COLLIER
AV TECH	KATHY GLESSNER	LINDA COLLINS	BRYAN SMITH	ZEDD BUTZ
COUNTERS	KAREN & LARRY FEICHTNER			
ALTAR GUILD	BECKY & RICK SCHULTZ			





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am - 10:30am Journeyman Gathering	2 DIRECTORY PHOTOS 6:00pm - 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting	3 DIRECTORY PHOTOS	4 1:30pm - 3:30pm Book Club 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dance Lessons	5 Office Closed	6
7 8:45am - 9:45am Al-Anon 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm Dance Lessons	8	9 6:30pm - 7:30pm Council Meeting	10 10:00am - 11:00am Comfort Makers Quilters 6:30pm - 7:30pm Pet Loss Grief Group	11 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dance Lessons	12 Office Closed	13
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21 Father's Day 8:45am - 9:45am Al-Anon 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm Dance Lessons	22	23 1:00pm - 3:00pm Card Group	24	25 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dance Lessons	26 Office Closed	27 6:00pm - 7:59pm Fundraiser Dance
28 8:45am - 9:45am Al-Anon 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm Dance Lessons	29	30				



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