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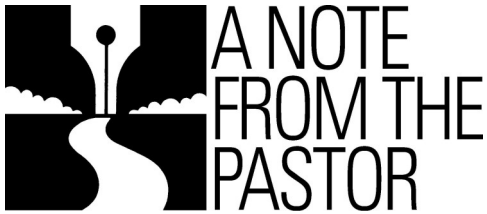


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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It is hard to realize that we are in the Fall of the year. So much has been happening, and yet with the quarantine, it seems as though nothing has been happening. But here we are in October. We are seeing so much advertising regarding pumpkins and corn mazes. With a great deal of stress fall sports are cautiously being played. And we are already being cautioned about how to go about Halloween.

In some respects, it is a shame about how over the years Halloween has been treated and used. You probably remember that the original Halloween was All Saints Eve. It is the lead in to All Saints Day, a day in which we remember those of the faith who have died, not only this past year, but over the centuries.

My understanding is that in the very early years of the faith, it was believed that those who had died outside of the faith, roamed the earth, looking for someplace to spend eternity. On All Saints Eve, they tried to enter the bodies of the living faithful, so when those people died, they would be able to go to heaven with them. Then the tradition of wearing frightening garb came into being. There are two different accounts as to the reason. One is that by wearing these scary outfits, the faithful would frighten those wandering souls away, thus keeping them safe.

The other idea is that the costumes were a reminder that those evil (unbelieving) souls were out there, trying to get to you, and you should thus be cautious.

And so it has evolved into what has now become an event where we party, dress in costumes and for the kids, go out and seek candy and treats.

But in all of this, we must remember that it is a time in which we are to remember our loved ones who have died, either in this last year or times gone by, giving thanks for their love and for passing the faith down to us.

Have a blessed day of remembering those loved saints.

Pastor Ralph

URGENT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Call the Church Office Monday-
Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
419 626-0204

(leave a message, the messages are
checked regularly)

Other Hours

Call Barb Wobser at 419 656-8278
(she will contact the appropriate care person)

YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY

INTERIM PASTORS -

The Rev. Ralph Schibler

The Rev. Catherine Schibler

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

Carol Dahs

MUSICIAN: Adele Hoffman

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

COORDINATOR:

Sally Warner - 419 684-7850

CUSTODIANS:

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

PRESIDENT: Dave Miller

TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

OFFICE PHONE: 419 626-0204

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am to 1 pm, M-F

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2020 TRUNKS FOR TREATS

WILL GO ON!

Our annual Trunks for Treats will be happening on Sunday, October 25 starting at **10:00 am** (following the 9:00 am worship service). Weather permitting, we will be doing this in the church parking lot. We want our kids and their parents to know that we will be offering them a safe place to gather candy and goodies for their Halloween this year. So, we are inviting all of you to come and participate for our kids. And of course, due to Covid, we have some guidelines which will need to be followed.

This year we are going to let the kids dress up for Trunks for Treats, (if they chose) but all kids and adults must wear a mouth and nose covering or mask.

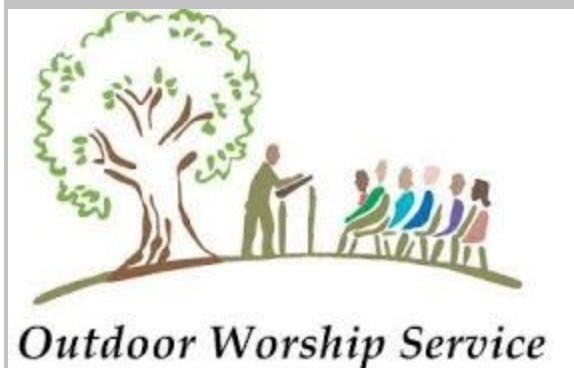
All children must bring their own bag, bucket or container to put their treats in.

All treats should be placed in an individual bag and laid out in the back of your vehicle or on a table at the back of your car.

No homemade treats will be accepted.

Children will be asked to stay with their siblings as a group and/or distance themselves from other groups.

As unnormal as things are for our kids right now, let's make this yearly event special for them as much as we can!



We will continue to worship outdoors as weather permits. Bring your mask. Bring your chair. Bring a blanket if it's chilly. Service will also be posted on trinityelca.com for those not yet ready to attend in person.





Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on October 25, 2020. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to its members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

Trinity will also be in need of a new Council President as Dave Miller's tenure on council will be complete at the end of 2020.

The Congregational Life position that Candy Beatty currently chairs will also be up for re-election this year.

The Faith Builders position that Barb Wobser currently chairs will also be up for re-election this year.

If you would like further information on these positions please see any council member. Again, your participation is what keeps Trinity going so please take some time to think these positions over and listen to God's call for your time and commitment to your church.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for October

Turkey and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Green Beans
Carrot Jell-O Salad
Brownie

Jim and his crew are still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - September 17, 2020 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Barb Wobser, Judy Driscoll, Sally Warner, Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Mike Markley, Bonnie Lieb, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Dave Miller

Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Sally Warner.

Opening devotions were given by Bonnie Lieb.

Minutes of previous meeting (August 20) were reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the correction under New Business of Congregation Council Meeting to October 25 not October 15. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for August was reviewed. Jim stated that the Current Fund balance was incorrect because the money that Fred Wobser gave for the new doors was placed in Current and it should have been placed in Building Improvements, so the balance is approximately \$4000 in Current. Barb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the noted correction. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Trinity will continue with the 9:00 am outdoor services if weather permits and the COVID zone stays at orange or yellow. If there is inclement weather, then the single service will be held inside. Communion will be taken back to the normal 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The Transition Team has one more meeting in October. The Call Committee will take over at the first of the year. There is a Profile Paper to write yet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph stated that that the outdoor service on September 13 was well received. Pastor Cathy and Pastor Ralph will be going back to just one of them being here for Sunday services.

Congregational Care Ministry Team Report: Barry sent a letter stating his request to be removed as the chair of the team. Currently there isn't much the team can do with the COVID restrictions. Those in the hospital will only be known to the secretary unless there is a request from the individual hospitalized to involve a Pastor. HIPPA rules are being followed more closely.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – Barb requested Trinity look into purchasing Zoom so that she can get the Confirmation Class back on track for this year. Carol will look at what is costs and email council so they can decide what to do. Barb needs to get this going soon.

Mission Service – Judy Driscoll – Judy's group is working on who the Mission Endowment Fund's should be donated to in 2021. Bonnie is looking into the logistics of doing the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner this year.

Property – Mike Markley – The Facility Use form for Ben Breay & Maryl Bango was approved for their April 10, 2021 wedding. Mike has the weather stripping for the Educational Wing outside doors. Mike will get an update on the progress of getting the new front doors that Fred has purchased. Concrete at the back door has been poured and looks great. Judy made a motion to accept the bid Mike got for two hand railings for the new step for \$835, uninstalled. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed. Mike received a proposal for snow removal from Dunlap's for 2020-2021 season.

Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch – The committee met with Steven Patterson this week. They moved some funds around to help maximize Trinity's earning abilities through the election season. Jim will work up the figures for 2% and 3% raises for employees for 2021. Council will make their recommendations from those figures for the 2021 budget.

Old Business – Candy made a motion to accept the Audit Report from March 13, 2020. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

New Business – There was discussion on trying to follow the By-laws set forth by Trinity on this years council election process. A nomination committee of Bonnie, Jim, and Mike will get together and make their recommendations for nominees to open council positions. Carol will help them get the letters out to those prospective people. Carol will type of the proposed changes to the Property Team's ability to spend up to \$5000 with council's approval and email this to council to be sure they are all on the same page.

Dear Friends in Christ,

*“And again, Jesus said,
“To what should I compare the kingdom of God?
It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with
three measures of flour until all of it was leavened” (Luke 13:20-21).*

It doesn't always have to be big with flashing lights, surround sound, and blazing technology. It can start small. In fact, that's how God's economy often works, by taking what is small and growing it into something great.

Think about that little town of Bethlehem. Ruth, a foreigner, decides to accompany Naomi back to Bethlehem. Two women of faith, who struggle and suffer, only to be blessed by God. A few years later, while in Bethlehem, Samuel anoints Jesse's youngest son, David, as the King of Israel, only after he makes his way (unsuccessfully) through all the older brothers first. And in the fullness of time, God comes to Bethlehem, incarnate, as an infant, born to a poor and humble mother. God has a way of taking what is small and growing it into something great.

So, what little things may God be calling you to do today? On my list of to-dos for today, there are a few small things.

1. Read 1 Timothy chapter 5, and pray the Daily Texts
2. Write 4 handwritten thank you notes
3. Call and pray with someone who is sick
4. Finish this short e-mail blast devotion

Just a few small things to do, but when we do those small things again and again over time, those small habits and actions can grow into something great. Think about it.

What happens when you read and reflect on Scripture and pray every day? You will become a person who is grounded in Prayer and God's Word.

What would happen if you wrote 4 handwritten thank you notes every day? You will build a culture of generosity in your church and community?

What might occur if you called and prayed with someone every day? You will bring hope and the promise of God's presence.

What happens when you finish your e-mail blast on time? You will bring a smile to Caroline Guy, our Coordinator of Communications and Technology. And you want to make her smile, because Caroline is amazing, and we are grateful to serve with her.

It doesn't always have to be big with flashing lights, surround sound, and blazing technology. It can start small, or as Jesus reminds us, it can be as simple as a little bit of yeast, working its way through three measures of flour until everything is leavened.

So, may you go. Go and do the little things. Go and practice the small things. God and be God's yeast. Knowing and trusting that God will take what is small and grow it into something great.

Bless you,

Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning January 1, 2020
Please use the following guidelines for Pastoral Care:

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and requires **IMMEDIATE** Pastoral Care and it is during the church office hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, call the church office at 419-626-0204.

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and requires **IMMEDIATE** Pastoral Care and it is **NOT** during the church office hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, call **Barb Wobser at 419-656-8278**. Barb will obtain all necessary information and discuss the designated Pastoral Care available for the emergency situation.

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and **not at a local hospital**, please contact the hospital and ask about immediate Spiritual Care services and then follow the above guidelines to notify the designated Trinity personnel.

If the situation is a **NON-EMERGENCY** situation, please contact the church office at 419-626-0204 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, and speak with Church Administrator, Carol Dahs. You may also call the church office at any time and leave a message, requesting Pastoral Care, and someone will return your call.

If you have any questions about any other concerns regarding Pastoral Care, contact our Church Administrator, Carol Dahs, during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday. You may also contact any of the members of the Congregational Care Team listed below:

Barry Gill:	419-366-0307
Patty Swartz:	419-626-4970

For the above situations, please have the following information to share with us:

The parishioner's name.

Where the Pastoral Care is needed.

What the nature of the situation is.

A contact person's name and telephone number (family member).



November TIMES
Submissions Deadline:
October 20
Items received after this date will be held for the **December newsletter**

A Nun's Prayer on how to age gracefully. It's said to date from the 17th Century...

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me to glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 05/13/20)

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Iretta Gast Rm #318 419-308-4269 Birthday - July 15

At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Geraldine Watson Rm #128 Birthday - Oct. 6

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Shirley Miller Rm #311 419-483-4189 Birthday - April 3

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Dorothy Miller Rm #72 Birthday - June 20

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Viola Liptok 102 Portland Avenue, Bay Bridge, OH 419-684-5840 Dec. 9

Send mail to: 5322 Hampton Drive, North Olmstead, OH 44070

Dan & Gwen Miller 5708 Bogart Road, Castalia 419-684-5274 D: May 24 G: Oct. 5

Bernie Neidler 1305 Ogontz, Sandusky 419-684-5274 B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Barb Saylor 114 W. Menominee Trail, Sandusky June 8

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-624-7232 Feb. 11

Ron Wriker 101 Caswell Drive, Castalia Apr. 6

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Barry Gill at 419-366-0307.

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Stierhoff
Hemi Palmison
- 2 Betty Miller
Audrey House
- 4 Rosemarie Canter
Joyce Patterson
- 5 Nancy Sessler
Gwen Miller
Brock Parker
- 6 Geraldine Watson
- 8 Casey Miller
- 9 Deborah Sharp
Trent Hershey
- 10 Chris Nielsen
Sally Hershey
- 11 Paul Wiedenheft
Ron Werner
Emma Killingsworth
- 13 Kathy Parker
Elisa Kurth
Adam Davis
- 14 William Hirt
Amanda Keller
- 15 Roger Huff
Tylie Weyer
- 16 Joshua David Canter
Halle Miller



- 17 Denise Casanova
Emily Strauss
- 18 Bret Hirt
- 19 Gayle Thompson
- 20 Kellie Beiser
- 21 Michelle Orshoski
Troy Karbler
- 22 Charlie Bango
A.J. Oeder
Cameron Swartz
- 23 Amy Baum
Kevin Cox
Glen Bango
- 24 Bradley Pooock
- 25 Mary Kuhn
- 27 Susan Corbin
- 28 Madison Brogle
- 30 Jean Schrenk

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Robert & Sally Hershey - 12th
- 6 Joel & Mary Kuhn - 19th
- 7 Glen & Patti Bango - 25th
- 9 Matthew & Dana Savage - 16th
- 10 Ken & Carrie Killingsworth - 10th
Robert & Melissa Wiedenheft - 5th
Allen & Hollynn Hipp - 5th
- 11 Max & Valri Didion - 6th
- 21 Jeffrey & Chris Nielsen - 31st
- 22 Kevin & Andrea Krupp - 9th
- 23 Jeff & Shelly Robbins - 38th



Fred Wobser in honor of daughter,
Amy's birthday on September 6

Fred Wobser in memory of son,
Kevin's birthday on September 11

Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of Curt Miller

Jim Bertsch in memory of Kay Braden

Robert Densmore in memory of Viola Densmore



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To all who put together and participated in the Blessings of the Bookbags.
- To all who donated items and help assemble the care baskets that were given out for God's Word, Our Hands.
- To Paul Cantiberry for repairing the Parsonage railing at no charge to us.
- Guy Miller and family for the donation of turkey for a Crossroads' meal.



HELPERS AT WORSHIP - October 2020 and November 2020

Altar Care: October - Barb Sessler (chair), Missy Hacker, Susan Cullen November - Betty Miller (chair), Janis Miller, Cathy Wobser

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	9:00 Service					
			Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant			
October 4			Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch	Jim Bertsch			
October 11		If you had October flowers and would still like an important event recognized in the bulletin please call the church.	Barry Gill	Barry Gill				
October 18		Flowers will resume in November.		Sally Warner	Sally Warner			
October 25				Cathy Wobser				
Sunday Ushers in November - 9:00 -								
November 1	Ken & Marsha Schenk							
November 8	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff							
November 15	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff							
November 22	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft							
November 25		Flowers - Dave & Sally Warner,		Lector -	Acolyte -		Ushers -	
November 29		Tal & Ann Stream						

OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 NA 11 am
4 Communion Service - 9:00 am only	5	6	7 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	8 Transition Team Mtg - 7:00 pm	9	10 NA 11:00 am
11 Worship Service - 9:00 am only	12	13	14 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	15 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	16	17 NA 11:00 am
18 Communion Service - 9:00 am only	19	20	21 Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	22	23	24 NA 11:00 am
25 Worship Service - 9:00 am only Trunks for Treats 10:00 am Congregational Meeting 10:30 am	26	27	28 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	29	30	31 NA 11:00 am

a PRAYER
OF FAITH
OPENS THE WAY
to receive *glorious*
HEAVEN SENT
blessings

- CAROLE M. STEPHENS
OCT 2016, LDS GENERAL CONFERENCE