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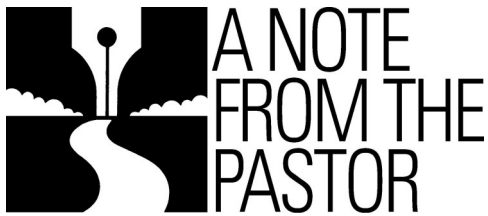


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Even in Bad Times

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year. 2020 was not one of the best years in the lifetime of many of us. We are tired. We are tired of being isolated. Some of us are getting depressed. Many are sorrowing over the deaths of loved ones due to Covid.

We would like to get back together for in person worship. We missed being with families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. And the list goes on. I am sure that many of you could add much more to the list.

But it is just such times as these that we need to remember what our faith, our God, is all about.

Looking back at the Old Testament, how often do we see the Israelite in desperate times, and God says, "be patient, I am with you." We remember such times as their slavery in Egypt and Moses leading them out across the Red Sea. Also, their 40 years in the desert, with very little to eat. And how about their time in captivity in Babylon? In all these times and many more, through the prophets He said to them, "Be patient, I am with you." And in the end, their trials were turned into joy.

We are now past the season of Christmas, a time of joy and hope when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. At this season we remember with joy the gift from God a savior, who has come to tell us again to be patient. He's is here, but there is work to be done, stories to tell, miracles to be done, a cross to be carried, a resurrection to take place. And through all of this, "I am with you."

Yes, the times have been difficult, the holidays, days usually filled with joy and happiness and family gatherings, were not as exciting as they usually are. But, as we progress through the Epiphany Season, a time in which we get to remind ourselves whom this Jesus really is and what he does, God is saying to us, "Don't be afraid, don't be discouraged, for I am with you, and together we will get through this."

As God was with the Israelites of old, as He was with the early Christians through all their trials, as He has with us through numerous wars one other calamities, He will also get us through these days. There is light with the coming of the vaccines that will help in healing and wellness. God has been with us, as He has always been. Rejoice in the presence of the Lord and give thanks for all that He has done.

Pastor Ralph

URGENT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

Other Hours
Call Carol Dahs at 419-541-0664

(leave her a message and 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: Carrie Wiedenheft

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We are never alone

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The room was spare and dimly lit. We sat on folding chairs in a circle—young Honduran women and some of us from the ELCA. We had come to Honduras to observe the work of AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). This is the ELCA's strategy to help youth who have been forced to flee their home countries because of violence, abuse, extortion by gangs and extreme poverty. *Amparo* is the Spanish word for shelter or refuge.



In this case, AMMPARO partnered with the Lutheran World Federation and the Mennonites to resettle returned migrants—those who had tried to seek asylum in the United States but had failed or had been denied and deported back to Honduras.

One by one they told us their stories of fear and desperation. Not a one undertook the long and dangerous trek north on a whim. They told us about the abuse they had suffered, about family members who had been killed by gangs, about the inability to make a living because of the extortion by organized crime. They talked about the bitter sadness of leaving home and family, and the uncertainty of the future.

I remember one young woman in particular. She was pregnant when she tried to migrate to the United States. She had the baby somewhere along the way. She was far from home, mostly alone and desperately wanted her mother to be with her. None of this is what she had hoped for when she was growing up. Circumstances beyond her control had forced her into this new and strange existence. She and her baby were now back in Honduras—but not at home. Home was too dangerous.

Remember last Christmas? Remember all of the preparations, the travel to be with family? Remember the holy beauty of the Christmas Eve liturgy and receiving Christ's grace and forgiveness at his table? The shopping and Christmas caroling? The in-person gatherings? All that has changed.

The pandemic hasn't forced us from our homes but into our homes, sheltering in place, isolated. Not together, but physically distanced. Not gathered with family and friends, but forced apart because of the threat of infection. Forced by circumstances beyond our control into this strange existence. Oh, there will be Christmas carols piped into grocery stores and other essential services, but they will be painful reminders of how life used to be.

We are reminded of the experience of the exiles in Babylon: "By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captives asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land" (Psalm 137)?

I told the young Honduran woman about another young woman who was forced to leave home because of a government decree. She, too, was pregnant and made a long and difficult journey. She, too, was far from home and without her mother when the baby came. She had to find shelter wherever she could. This wasn't what she had hoped for when she was growing up. Circumstances beyond her control had forced her into this new existence.

That young woman was Mary and the child was Jesus. Precisely in our distress, in our dislocation, the Lord shows up. Emmanuel—God with us—makes his home in the very places we find foreign or isolating. The young Honduran woman, and all of us, can find hope because of the birth of Mary's child. There is no God-forsaken place and we are never alone—not in hospital rooms, or sheltering in place, or Zoom calls or on dangerous roads.

Many of us will not be physically home for Christmas, but we are truly home in Christ.





On behalf of the Worship and Music committee, we would like to thank Pastor Ralph and Pastor Cathy for all the wonderful messages they have been sharing with us on a weekly basis during the past Advent season. Pastor Cathy has held weekly devotions on Facebook and those who participated really enjoyed it. And even though the Christmas season is just wrapping up, we will be meeting soon to talk about the soon approaching Lenten season.

And our most heartfelt THANKS go out to Pastor Cathy, Jim Bertsch, and Carol Dahs for the idea, writing of the scripts, and all the planning of our Christmas Eve "Walk to Bethlehem" outside event. It truly was a wonderful time with around 80 people participating. And I think most people agreed that the little dusting of snow during the singing of Silent Night topped off the whole event! We need to thank all our actors and actresses too. They included Josh Miller, Cynthia Nielsen, Phyllis Nuber, Paul Warner, Mike and Angie Ramsdell, our Sunday school students, and Pastor Ralph. And of course, thanks to all of you who attended. We were really surprised at the turnout but hope you all enjoyed your time at the stable on Christmas Eve.

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for January

**Beef and Noodles
Corn
Green Beans
Salad
Jell-O Cake
Bread and Butter
Applesauce**

Jim is 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of December Sunday school bags were delivered to our students each Sunday with material to help them learn about the Christmas story of Jesus' birth at home with their family. And each week a new candle picture was in their bag with a word on it and the students were asked to place these candles in their windows to let others know and see them making an advent wreath. The words on the candles were WATCH, WAIT, WONDER, WORSHIP. And on Christmas morning they were asked to place a picture of the baby Jesus with their candles as we so often remind them that Jesus is the best gift we can ever receive. It was so nice to see these candles in the windows each week and our hope is that through this activity they have learned about watching, waiting, wondering, and worshipping Jesus.

And even though we had no Sunday school Christmas program this year, the children were asked to be apart of our Christmas Eve worship service and play the parts of the angels, shepherds, and wisemen. Those who participated were; Emma and Drew Killingsworth, Eli Fisher, Claire Conner, Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan Wiedenheft, Zane and Noah Warner, and Bentley and Zoe Koch. They all did a fantastic job, even in the cold and I thank them for their help in portraying the Nativity and birth of Jesus.

Also, we need to send out a big thank you to Linda Gantz for her monetary donation towards the Sunday school Christmas treat bags and to Don and Kathy Parker who donated candy canes for the same purpose.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

“SOUPER BOWL” SOUP AND SUB SALE!

Keeping with tradition at Trinity, we WILL be having our Soup and Sub sale on Super Bowl Sunday which will be Sunday, February 7. And, as everything else, this will be done a little different in 2021.

You MUST reply to the church office with your order by February 2.

All orders will need to be picked up on the 7th between 10 and 11am.

All orders will be available for pickup at the back of the church under the portico. Simply drive up and someone will bring your order out to you. We ask that if you can, please have the correct dollar amount with you so we don't have to make change. Of course, if they are calling for bad weather, the sale will not happen.

Please give the following information when ordering.

Your name _____ Phone # _____

SUBS ___ ham ___ turkey

SOUP ___ chicken noodle ___ beef vegetable

Subs will include a bag of chips, pickle, and some candy

Subs are \$5.00 each and Soup is \$1.00 each

All proceeds will go to the Grace's Table and Care and Share



Poinsettias

*for our church at Christmas
were provided to the glory of God by:*

Robert & Mary Lou Stradtman in memory of Bob and Ruth Stradtman

Robert & Mary Lou Stradtman in memory of John Stradtman

*In celebration of Pastor Tim Miller's 40th Anniversary of Ordination on
December 14, 1980, here at Trinity.*

Christmas "Good Gifts"

Nancy Vollmer in memory of loved ones.

*Phyllis Nuber in honor of her family - Kate, Matt, Hank, Jim &
Lesley*

Candy Beatty

*Carol Dahs in honor of Linda Gantz and Barb Wobser for all their help in the
church office this year*

*Rich & Sheryl Miller in honor of Bobby, Brandon, Luke, Cassie, Teddy, Levi,
Louis, Adam, Carly and Cora, also in memory of Henry.*

Dave & Sally Warner in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nelson

Jim Bertsch



Christmas "Memorials"



*Mary Anne Wiedenheft in memory of Carlos, Mildred, Charles,
and Wayne Wiedenheft*

*Given to the Glory of God in memory of Robert Sessler and for
all the wonderful memories that we cherish in our hearts of dad
from Tom & Peggy Kingsborough & family*

Installation of the 2021 Congregation Council will take place on January 21 at the year's first council meeting

President	Carrie Wiedenheft (new for 2021)
Vice President	(to be chosen)
Treasurer (non-voting)	Jim Bertsch

Chairpersons for:

Congregational Life	Candy Beatty (new for 2021)
Faith Builders	Barb Wobser (new for 2021)
Mission Service	Judy Driscoll (2nd year)
Property	Mike Markley (2nd year)
Stewardship and Finance	Jim Bertsch (2nd year)
Witness and Welcome	Bonnie Lieb (2nd year)
Worship and Music	Sally Warner (2nd year)

We sincerely thank Dave Miller for his service.

At its January meeting, the Council will select among its members a vice president for 2021.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2020

Monday, December 21, 2020

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	33,335.98
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	61,548.16
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	90,768.09
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,784.51
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	37,286.16
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,298.42
	Total Assets	\$229,497.92
Liabilities		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	74.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	96.26
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	12.46
	Total Liabilities	\$182.72
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	7,077.80
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	5,173.83
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	26,355.62
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	94,552.60
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	56,570.77
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,298.42
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$179,777.41</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	37,286.16
	Total Fund Balances	\$229,315.20
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$229,497.92



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

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Dave Miller.

Opening devotions were given by Dave Miller.

Minutes of previous meeting (November) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Jim stated that our current fund is doing well but if we would have had a full-time pastor to pay the Trinity would be in the red. Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Barb reported that she had the following people accept the request to be on the Call Committee: Millie McCready, Kathy Bango, Fred Wobser, and Guy Miller. Council recommend the following people for her to ask yet: Douglas Stierhoff, Cindy Nielsen, Barb or Denny Sessler, Bill Bertsch, and Adam Streat.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph stated that the new council member for 2021 will be announced at the first Sunday of the new year. They will then be installed at the January council meeting.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – Confirmation class has not started yet.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike stated that the following has been fixed: Emergency Exit light downstairs replaced, new flag and clasps are up, overflow area lights were updated to something more modern looking, new lights on the front of the church, reset timer on cross. Janetta and Herner are still working on sealing up the new front doors. The parsonage and church furnaces/boilers were serviced. Mike and Bonnie have looked at new floor samples for the pastor, secretary, and library. There is a piece of ridge cap missing on the north end of the church. This will need to be addressed in the spring.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Christmas Eve service is coming together. Pastor Cathy talked of doing a Chalking of the Door on the first Sunday after Christmas.

Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch – Jim stated that neither the council or pastor discretionary funds were used this year. Candy made a motion to give \$500 to The A.C.O.R.N. ministry, \$200 to Gideons, and \$300 to Grace's Table. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed.

New Business – Ushers, Lectors, and Altar Committee will roll over from last year's schedule for 2021. Care and Share sent a letter asking for help collecting certain foods for bags they are going to start passing out after the first of the year. Trinity will be a drop off stop for these items if members would like to donate. Mike will call Dunlap's and see if we can scale down the snow plowing of the back of the lot since there are no services right now.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Candy Beatty.

Devotion leader for the next meeting is Mike Markley.

Adjournment and the Lord's Prayer.

Trinity is still supporting Care and Share as they find their way to operate in this new environment. We will have collection boxes available inside the church for the donation goods that Care and Share has listed below. They would prefer just the items listed below but if you have other non-perishable foods you would like to donate they will take those as well. They are ONLY taking food, nothing else at this time. If you have a donation just call the office and Carol will meet you at the church door and take your donation and Trinity will see that it gets to Care and Share. Thanks again for your continued generosity to this very needed ministry.

Letter to churches

Care and Share Inc. of Erie County, currently closed because of the COVID pandemic, is making plans to reopen in January. A cookbook featuring inexpensive and easy-to-prepare recipes has been created and has been ordered. The cookbook will be given to each client family and to area churches. Each month a few recipes will be featured and all the ingredients will be included in a box, as well as many basic items we normally provide. Since we cannot operate as a choice pantry at this time, we hope to increase interest in our new and improved boxes. Our goal is to provide ideas for healthier eating and that improved cooking skills will result.

We are now working on the challenge of providing recipe items and staples that clients do not have in their homes. Since area churches have supported Care and Share since its beginning in 1974, we are hoping members of you congregations would be willing to donate some items during this critical time of community need. Most of these requests are available at Aldi's, off brands, that are significantly less expensive.

Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Joanne Dawson, Secretary
Care and Share Inc. of Erie County

*Ground black pepper	Jars of dried beef	Canned deviled ham
Canned salmon	Bread crumbs	Canned Vienna sausages
Boxed stuffing mix	Spam	Mustard
Ketchup	Rotel canned tomatoes	Parmesan Cheese
Canned corned beef	Small bags of flour	

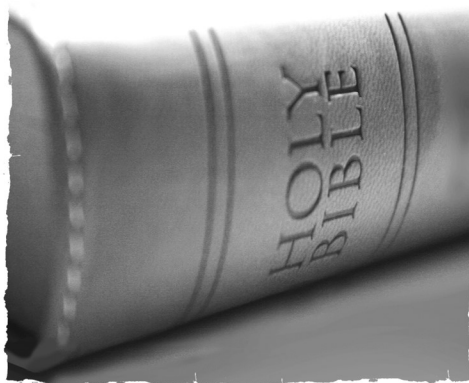


2021 Altar and
Memorial Flower
Sign Up Sheets are
up.



New for this year, the church office is asking that you include your dedication on the signup sheets. This is to help you remember why you signed up for that particular date plus it helps the church office in not having to chase everyone down to get this information. If you do not want to write your dedication on the sheets Carol will still call you to see what you would like placed in the bulletin. If you have any questions you can call the church office and speak to Carol.

Altar Flowers

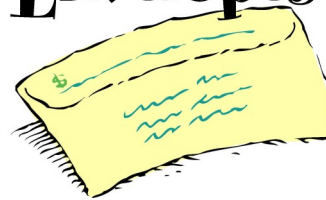


The word of
the LORD
came to me...

Jeremiah 32:6, NRSV



Offering Envelopes



Your 2021 Giving Envelopes are available for pickup any time during church office hours. Just give Carol a call and she will meet you at the door with them.



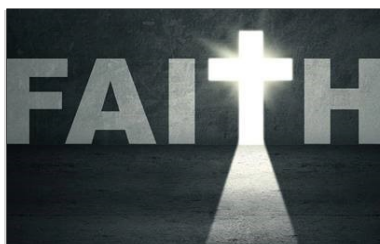
The sock and mitten tree brought in the following donations this year.

Hats - 8
Gloves - 15 pairs
Socks - 44 pairs
Sweatpants - 2
Hooded Sweatshirt - 1
Scarf - 1

Donations this year were delivered to Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Thank you all!



Please let the church secretary know if you have any prayer concerns that you would like announced at the video tapings or listed in the bulletin each week.



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 1/1/2021)

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

Iretta Gast	Rm #318	419-308-4269	Birthday - July 15
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At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Geraldine Watson	Rm #128		Birthday - Oct. 6
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Ruby Stierhoff	Rm #114		Birthday - July 26
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At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

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

Dorothy Miller	Rm #72		Birthday - June 20
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At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

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

Shirley Miller			Birthday - April 3
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In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman	51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton	419-732-7398	B: May 25 MA: July 10
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Viola Liptok	102 Portland Avenue, Bay Bridge, OH	419-684-5840	Dec. 9
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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
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Bernie Neidler	1305 Ogontz, Sandusky	419-684-5274	B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30
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Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky	419-684-5627	June 6
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Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-624-7232	Feb. 11
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Ron Wriker	101 Caswell Drive, Castalia		Apr. 6
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Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JanMarie Miller
John Harris
Tarah Hershey
Louis Price
Penny Price
- 2 Alice Martin
- 4 Olivia Cast
- 5 Benjamin Stephens
Cynthia Nielsen
- 6 Madison Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
Nicole Heilmann
Karen Beaver
- 9 Evan Miller
- 10 Beckett Freeman
- 13 Abigail Trout
- 15 Troy Miller
- 16 James Miller



- 17 Cathy Wobser
Joshua Reed
- 19 Louis Kurth
- 22 Tayler Poock
Tara Poock
- 25 Bonnie Lieb
- 26 Valri Didion
Elizabeth Moser
David Huff
Kyleigh Cullen
- 27 Avery Moore
Courtney Orshoski
- 29 Andrew Warner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 39th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 22nd
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 47th
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 36th
- 31 Jason & Julie Overmyer - 17th



Orpha Densmore in honor of her grandchildren

Robert Densmore in memory of his wife, Viola Densmore



John, Beth and Adam Ashby, Barb Wobser, Jim Bertsch, Roy & Joyce Patterson in memory of Darlene (Bango) White



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

- To all who have been able to make donations to the church throughout the year
- To all who have faithfully supported the Crossroads Meals each month and Jim for putting it all together
- Linda Gantz for the donation she made towards the kids Christmas Bags



This schedule is setup for in-person worship services. We are hoping that the New Year will bring back our services at some point. If you would like to be removed from this list or would like to volunteer to help please let Denny Sessler or the church office know.

2021 USHERS' SCHEDULE

Below is the **2021** ushers schedule. If you need to make a change, call Denny Sessler at 419-366-8399

Month	8:00	10:30	Month	8:00	10:30
January	Tom Jenkins Cindy Norman	Bob Troike Ron Werner Bob Chapman	July	Guy Miller Justin Stierhoff Fred Wobser	Dan Baum Amy Baum Barb Sessler
February	Barb Wobser Rich Miller Greg Norman	Bill Bertsch Barb Sessler Bob Troike	August	Charlie Bango Cindy Norman Greg Norman	Gary Lieb Bill Bertsch Denny Sessler
March	Hank Kleinoeder Charlie Bango	Barry Gill Missy Hacker David Wobser	September	Kent Miller Roy Patterson Barb Wobser	Charles Howard Sonny Schonhardt
April	Barb Wobser Brad Stierhoff Justin Stierhoff	Denny Sessler Bob Chapman Sonny Schonhardt	October	Sally Warner Mark Wiedenheft Brad Stierhoff	Barry Gill Bob Troike Bob Chapman
May	Rex Stierhoff Roy Patterson Barb Wobser	Charles Howard Bill Bertsch	November	Barb Wobser Rich Miller	Dave Wobser Gary Lieb Denny Sessler
June	Drew Koch Barb Wobser Mark Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk Ron Werner	December	Mike Markley Maree Markley Barb Wobser	Bob Troike Denny Sessler Ken Schenk

Ash Wednesday, February 17	Bill Hirt Terri Hirt Bob Chapman	Maundy Thursday, April 1	Rob Wiedenheft Denny Sessler Barb Sessler
Lent #2, February 24	Mark Wiedenheft Rob Wiedenheft David Wobser	Good Friday, April 2	Mark Wiedenheft Mike Markley Rob Wiedenheft
Lent #3, March 3	Barry Gill Karen Gill Rob Wiedenheft	Thanksgiving Eve, November 24	Denny Sessler Barb Sessler Missy Hacker
Lent #4, March 10	Randy Patten Mark Wiedenheft Rob Wiedenheft	Christmas Eve, Early (Friday)	Kent Miller Guy Miller Barry Gill
Lent #5, March 17	Barb Wobser Steve Miller Cindy Norman	Christmas Eve, Late (Friday)	Denny Sessler Bill Hirt Terri Hirt
Lent #6, March 24	Denny Sessler Guy Miller Greg Norman		

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MONTH	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
January E		Russ Stephens		Guy Miller	
L	Sally Warner	Jim Bertsch			
February E	Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Phyllis Nuber		
L	Russ Stephens	Guy Miller	Jim Bertsch		
March E		Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner		
L	Phyllis Nuber	Russ Stephens	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch	
April E			Cathy Wobser	Guy Miller	
L	Joyce Patterson	Sally Warner	Phyllis Nuber	Candy Beatty	
May E	Jim Bertsch			Cathy Wobser	
L	Russ Stephens		Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	
June E	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch			
L	Sally Warner	Phyllis Nuber		Russ Stephens	
July E	Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch		
L		Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Sally Warner	
August E		Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch	
L	Phyllis Nuber		Russ Stephens		
September E			Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	
L	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Sally Warner	Phyllis Nuber	
October E	Jim Bertsch	Russ Stephens		Cathy Wobser	
L	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch		Guy Miller	
November E	Joyce Patterson	Sally Warner	Phyllis Nuber		
L	Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch		

Early service:

Guy Miller 419-684-5505 Jim Bertsch 419-625-4377
 Nuber, Phyllis 419-684-5220
 Joyce Patterson (May-Dec) 419-626-5313 Candy Beatty 216-789-4312
 Millie McCreedy 419-616-3200 Cathy Wobser 419-625-6775
 Russ Stephens 419-515-0002
 Sally Warner 419-684-7850

Late service:

MONTH		
February 17	Ash Wednesday	Cathy Wobser
April 1	Maundy Thursday	Candy Beatty
April 2	Good Friday	
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve	Phyllis Nuber
December 24	Christmas Eve-7p	Guy Miller
	Christmas Eve-11p	Cathy Wobser

2021 Lector Schedule

JANUARY 2021

S U N	M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
3 Second Sunday of Christmas No Service as long as county is Red	4	5	6 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	7	1 Office Closed New Year's Day 8	2 NA 11 am 9 NA 11 am
10 Baptism of Our Lord No Service as long as county is Red	11	12	13 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	14	15	16 NA 11:00 am
17 Second Sunday of Epiphany No Service as long as county is Red	18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed	19	20 Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	21 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	22	23 NA 11:00 am
24 Third Sunday of Epiphany No Service as long as county is Red	25	26	27 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	28	29	30 NA 11:00 am
31 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany No Services as long as county is Red						

By phone

1. Call **800-847-4836** and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

You have the power to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

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The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grant decisions, including grant recipients and amounts, are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's Terms and Conditions available at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

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HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Online

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. In the **"GET STARTED"** section on the right, click **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®**.
3. Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - Click **"Direct Now"** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **"View activity history"** link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **"Search."**
5. Choose **"Direct All"** or **enter a specific number** and click **"Direct Now."** Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

Thrivent Members: Now Is the Time!

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 will expire soon. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars for distribution, you have until **March 31** to designate that money...and your congregation, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church, is an eligible destination. Even if you have designated your Choice Dollars to Trinity previously, **you must do so again** before the availability of 2020 Choice Dollars expires. Give your Thrivent Representative a call and they will help you get all setup.

BLESSED NEW YEAR

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Free and open to anyone in the community!

Grace Lutheran Church
203 S. Washington St.
Castalia, OH 44824



When: Wed., Jan. 13th
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
How: Drive-thru pickup in
the back of church

Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

MENU:
MEATBALL SANDWICH IN A HOAGIE BUN,
BAKED BEANS, VEGGIE STICKS, CHIPS
AND DESSERT

