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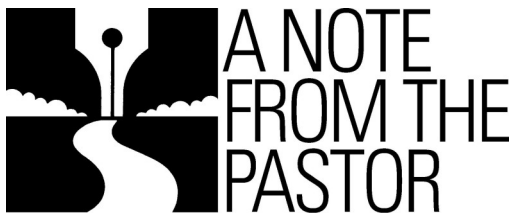
Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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It is hard to realize that we are now in the Season of Lent. It is also hard to think about the fact that it was at this time last year that we had to begin changing the way we worship. At first, it was one service in person, but with restricted distancing and numbers permitted to attend. As weird as it seemed for church, we had to make reservations to attend. Then came to rise of cases of the Covid 19 virus and we had to

discontinue in person worship. And here we are, one year later with still no in person worship until it gets warm enough that we can go back outside.

But in spite of all of this, it is still that part of the church year that we call Lent. It is a time when we once again follow Jesus on His way to the cross. It is 40 days of remembering his way to Jerusalem, and what it means for us. Just as a reminder, it is actually 47 days counting Sundays. Remember that even during this time of prayer and repentance, we still celebrate Easter every Sunday.

Remember, in the days of Jesus, worship was on the Holy Day, the seventh day of the week. It was a day that was a reminder that after creating everything, God rested. And so, as God's people, it was also a day that we were to rest, as well as gather for worship. But after the resurrection of Jesus, his followers felt that it was more important to remember the resurrection day, the first day of the week. And so, it became the day of rest and worship.

How things have changed over the years. I can remember when nothing was done on Sunday except going to church. No going to the store to get food, or to the mall to get stuff. You went to church and then stayed home with family. Only small neighborhood stores were open in case you needed something essential.

But, aside from that, we are in the 40 days of Lent. It is a time for reflection on why Jesus came to earth. It is a time for worship and reflection. It is a time for renewing our commitment to Jesus and the life He would have us live.

May this be a time for us to reflect and renew our commitment to the One who is our Redeemed, and strive to live following his example of love and care for all.

Pastor Ralph

URGENT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

**Other Hours
Call the secretary
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:

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TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

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

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A Palm Sunday Holy Week Walk Thru

Sunday, March 28 at 9:00 am.

Please join us this year for a unique Palm Sunday worship service and walk thru as we JOURNEY TO THE CROSS outside around the church parking lot.

Starting with a Palm Sunday message where you will each receive a palm branch and a bag with other items in it, you will all get to be a part of the Palm Sunday celebration!

Then we'll head on thru our journey where at each stop you will hear scripture to go along with the meaning of that stop. At stop 3, we will be taking communion. Our last stop will take us to the tomb and singing of the song "Were you there?"

Pray for good weather but be sure to dress for the weather no matter what it is. Wear a mask, and come with the intent to experience Holy week in a whole new way.

Worship & Music ministry

Do you have any clean and gently used or new silk flowers that you would like to donate to the church? The Worship & Music committee is in need of some for the Palm Sunday Journey to the Cross walk thru. You can drop them off at the church during normal office hours or give the office a call and we work something out to pick them up from you.



Trinity is looking to add a donation option to our website so those who would like to donate online are able to. However, in trying to set this up we have found that it is more complicated than we thought. In this process we are now looking into what it takes to update our current website so we can add this option plus just improve its overall look and function.

So we thank all who have been mailing in their donations and be patient with us as we work on this project.





This year's Sub sale profited \$364.00. Proceeds will be split between Grace's Table and Care & Share.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our youth activities.

**Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal
for March 17, 2021**

**Chicken over Mashed Potatoes with gravy
Green Beans
Corn
Salad
Brownies
Bread and Butter**

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.

2021 SYNODICAL CONVENTION NORTHWEST OHIO WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Save the Date!
September 10th and 11th
Sauder Heritage Inn
Archbold, Ohio



“Esther: God Is Working Behind the Scenes”

Bible Verse:

Esther 9: 22-23

²²As the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor. ²³So the Jews agreed to continue the celebration they had begun, doing what Mordecai had written to them.

What to look forward to!



***Meeting new friends, *reacquainting with old ones
*Fellowship, *Food, *Bible Study, *Worship Service, *Business,
*Entertainment by One Spirit Quartet
*Time of Relaxation and Re-energizing
*Silent Auction
*Purim Party**



If your organization would like to donate to the Silent Auction please contact **Sharon Moenter@ skmoenter @gmail.com**. Proceeds will go toward the 2023 Triennial Women of the ELCA Convention.

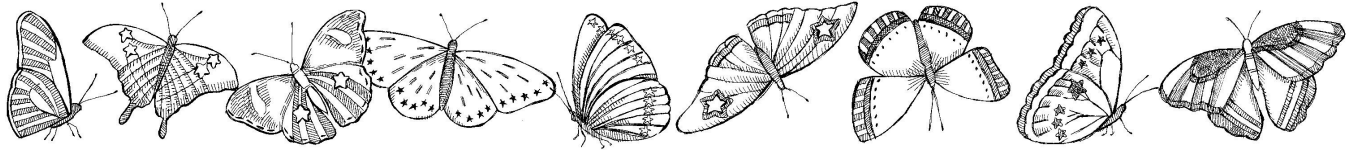
There will be an in-kind offering of non-perishable food items that will be donated to Redeemer Lutheran of Toledo food pantry.

More information along with registration information to follow in the coming months! We look forward to seeing you!





If you are looking for a way to stay spiritually connected and don't have a computer or smart phone? You can always tune into the Bible Broadcasting Network radio station 88.3 in Sandusky.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2021

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<i>Assets</i>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	51,225.78
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,764.88
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	98,479.65
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,804.27
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	41,641.96
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,383.04
Total Assets		\$260,776.18
<i>Liabilities</i>		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	37.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	48.13
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	6.23
Total Liabilities		\$91.36
<i>Fund Balances</i>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	19,098.79
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	10,639.92
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	26,372.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,313.92
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	58,234.91
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,383.04
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$189,304.15</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	41,641.96
Total Fund Balances		\$260,684.82
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$260,776.18

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL
Meeting Highlights - February 18, 2021 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

The February 18 Council Meeting was postponed until February 25 due to the weather.

The March Newsletter was printed on February 24 so February's Council Meeting Minutes will be in April's Newsletter.

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.



Care and Share would like to thank you for your continued support. Since 1984 we have been blessed with wonderful cooperation for churches in the Sandusky area.

On January 26 we completed our first food distribution since the beginning of the pandemic. Boxes included our “Caring and Sharing” cookbook, all of the ingredients needed to prepare two featured recipes, basic kitchen spices and staples, as well as assorted foods that we normally offer.

Someone is always at our facility on Jackson Street from 9:00 - 10:00 am every Tuesday morning. We can also arrange to pick up items. Just text a message to 419-564-6880. There is a serious need in Erie County and our clients are so very very appreciative. Thank you for your consideration.

Currently needed:

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED VEGGIES

CANNED SOUPS

PASTA





IT'S ~~NOT~~
TOO LATE!

Project Noelle Easter Basket Collection

Help fill Easter Baskets for children impacted by the opiate crisis in our area!

Consider donation items that can fit inside an Easter Basket. This could include:

- * candy (but NOTHING with peanuts, please)
- * sidewalk chalk
- * hair ties
- * jump rope
- * nail polish
- * small stuffed animals
- * coloring books
- * bubbles
- * matchbox cars
- * play dough
- * crayons
- * books
- * Anything else small enough to fit into a basket.

Donations need to be delivered to Trinity anytime before Wednesday, March 10 during office hours OR you can take them directly to The Sanctuary at 211 E Monroe Street on Saturday March 13 from 11 am to 2 pm. You don't even have to get out of your car! Just pull up to the back door and they will come out to you!

 Your
donation
is greatly
appreciated

God Bless

The Red, White and Blue

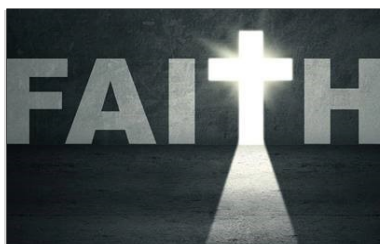
*Dear Lord, I've fought for freedom
for many nights and days
It's now on bended knee I come to you
These words please hear me pray.*

*For all my friends and patriots
who never said a word
Just raised their hand and gave a nod
When they were asked to serve.*

*Please honor them and hold them
Your love keep them from harm
May they find some peace tonight
In Your loving arms.*

*For all who love this country
and stood up so brave and true,
It's only for her rights we fight
God bless the red, white and blue.*

Amen



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

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

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

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

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

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

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

Ron Wriker 101 Caswell Drive, Castalia Apr. 6

Send mail to: 5316 Bardshar Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

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.

MARCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryce Cullen
- 2 Roger Troike
William Bertsch
- 3 Judith Howard
Ryan Wiedenheft
- 4 Richard Miller
Justin Stierhoff
- 5 Cynthia Norman
- 6 Arlayne Mischler
Tyler Wiedenheft
- 7 Tracy Carrozzino
- 8 Carter Jones
- 9 Steve Miller
Jeff Neill
Ryan Troike
- 10 Paige Brogle
Elise Kleinoeder
Jason Overmyer
David Wiedenheft
Daniel Schlick
- 14 Barbara Sessler
Cordell Gerber
Tim Markley
- 15 Taylor Weyer
Kate Didion
- 16 Todd Schwochow
- 17 Robin Dwight
Paul Warner
Sean Cullen
- 18 Cory Paseka
Mason Hermes
Robin Thrash



- 19 Emily Tordi
Gavin Moore
Sue Claus
Jerzie Bohn
John Harris
- 21 Dominic Carrozzino
Scott Ramon
- 22 Joseph Sessler
- 24 Joshua Johnson
- 25 Mason Miller
Miah Miller
Holly Harris
- 26 Wesley Miller
Owen Wright
Jean Cline
Bastian Hipp
- 28 Eli Conner
- 29 Roland Wriker
Joanna Hemmer
Braxton Miller
John Huff
- 31 Denise Stallard
Sloane Brogle

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Glenn & Sharon Pfann - 47th
- 9 Greg & Denise Stallard - 25th
- 10 Don & Cindy Bowers - 32nd
- 22 Barry & Karen Gill - 30th
- 24 Kevin & Robin Dwight - 31st



Jim Bertsch in memory of Mrs. Watson

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Rich Rohrbacher



Jeannie Leimeister and Patty Swartz in memory of their father Albert Selke's birthday on February 27



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

- All who helped gather information and supplies and also assembled the Lenten bags



Programs and Resources to Amplify Your Impact

How to apply for a Thrivent Action Team

Your passion and excitement for your community are sure to make your Thrivent Action Team a success. Follow these steps to apply—and don't forget to share the impact of your project with us.

1. Visit thrivent.com/actionteam for resources to help you brainstorm ideas and prepare for your project.
2. Once you have your project idea, get ready to apply. Here's what you'll need to have handy when you fill out the application:
 - Your User ID and password.
 - Your estimated project date. (Allow 14 days for the review of your application and the shipping of your Thrivent Action Kit.)
 - A short description of your project and how your volunteer team will be involved.
 - The church or other nonprofit organization that will benefit from the project, if applicable.
 - How you'll use the Community Impact Card.
 - Number of volunteers on your team and T-shirt sizes.
3. Now that you have everything you need, visit thrivent.com/actionteam and click **Apply Now** to begin the application process. Applying for a Thrivent Action Team takes less than 15 minutes.
4. If it is your first time logging in, you will need your Thrivent ID. If you don't know your Thrivent ID, please contact your Thrivent financial professional or call 800-847-4836 for assistance.

After you've completed the application, watch your email inbox to see if your project was approved. You should receive an email within 24 hours of submitting your application.

After your project

Go to thrivent.com/actionteam and share your story. Reporting on your project takes less than 10 minutes. Make sure you have the following handy:

- Your User ID and password.
- What your team accomplished.
- Number of:
 - Volunteers on your team (and their names).
 - Hours to plan the event and length of event.
 - Hours (on average) each person volunteered.
 - Total participants.
- The amount raised if you hosted a food drive or fundraiser.

Questions? We're here for you.

Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams."

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 - 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**.
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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.

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Make a personal donation at thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.* Click **Make a personal donation** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a Personal Donation**. You'll then be sent to InFaith Community Foundation to make the donation.

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MARCH 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
	1	2	3 Mid-week Facebook/ Zoom Service Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	4	5	6 NA 11:00 am
7 Third Sunday of Lent No Service as long as county is Red	8	9	10 Mid-Week Facebook/ Zoom Service Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	11	12	13 NA 11:00 am
14 Fourth Sunday of Lent No Service as long as county is Red	15	16	17 Mid-week Facebook/ Zoom Service Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon/NA 7:00	18 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	19	20 NA 11:00 am
21 Fifth Sunday of Lent No Service as long as county is Red	22	23	24 Mid-week Facebook/ Zoom Service Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	25	26	27 NA 11:00 am
28 Palm Sunday Journey to the Cross outdoor service at 9:00 am	29	30	31			

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of March

March 7 - The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 - *The commandments are given at Sinai*

Psalm 19 - The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - *Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

John 2:13-22 - *The cleansing of the temple*

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

March 14 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 - *The lifting up of the serpent*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 - You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

Ephesians 2:1-10 - *Saved by grace through faith for good works*

John 3:14-21 - *The lifting up of the Son of Man*

Prayer of the Day: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

March 21 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - *A new covenant written on the heart*

Psalm 51:1-12 - Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

Hebrews 5:5-10 - *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

John 12:20-33 - *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

Prayer of the Day: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 - *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

Isaiah 50:4-9a - *The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*

Psalm 31:9-16 - Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11 - *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

Mark 14:1-15:47 - *The passion of the Lord*

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Free and open to anyone in the community!

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



When: Wednesday, March 10th

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:

**SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS
WITH PINEAPPLE OVER EGG
NOODLES,
GREEN BEANS, APPLESAUCE
& DESSERT**