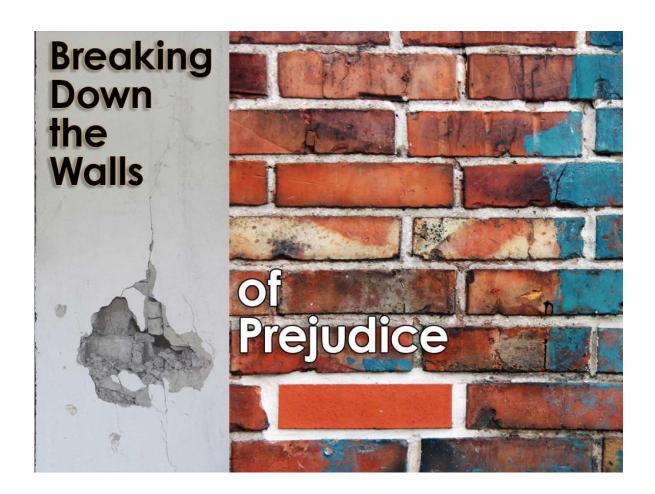
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As of this writing we have had yet another shooting involving the fatality of ten people. My heart breaks as I hear of this senseless shooting and deaths. I believe the current state of our political environment and polarizing rhetoric has contributed to our situation today. And I am angry. I am angry because we have allowed ourselves to be co-opted. We have lost sight of God, the One who has created us, the One who values and loves each of us.

Currently (yes, I am multi-tasking), I am on a zoom meeting focusing on the regression of the emotional system of the day by looking at ourselves, at our church, and the world. It is hard to look at one's self and confess the part we may have played in the current events of the day. And, it is hard to admit that as a church, we may not be doing all that we can by standing firmly with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Instead, we shy away of being too vocal or fear what our friends and family might say about us if we go against popular opinion. So perhaps some of my anger over recent events comes from knowing that I have not done as much as I could have by offering support or accompaniment.

Through the waters of our baptism, we have been called to walk with our brothers and sisters. We have been called to walk with the hungry, the poor and with those who are treated unjustly. We have been called to lift one another up! In the reality of the violence in our sinful world, we just can't be consumed by senseless actions and divisive opinions. Instead, we get to focus on the cross. The cross reminds us that we are people of faith and we get to live differently. Our faith in the graciousness of God's forgiving love gives us a resilient strength and courage to step forward and to survive the events of the day knowing that we live in the hope of the resurrection.

Easter is now upon us and we are reminded once again that death does not have the last word. Jesus rose again and promised us that we would rise with him. I close with this prayer from *All Creation Sings*, page 48.

Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in unity with all people, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now

and forever. Amen.

Pastor Cathy

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

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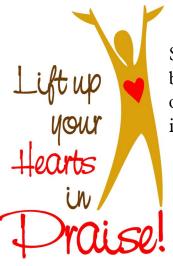
WELCOME BACK!

Starting on Easter Sunday, our Sunday School Classes will begin meeting again from 9:45 am until 10:30 am. We will do the usual distancing and be sure to wear your mask.

On Easter Sunday we will read the Easter story with activities to go along with it and we will also have an Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids who attend!

Then, on Sunday, April 11 we are planning a huge birthday party to celebrate everyone's birthday over the past year! Since we missed out on everybody's birthday, we thought it would be fun to do them all together! And again, this will be during the Sunday School time of 9:45 am to 10:30 am.

After that, we will continue to meet each Sunday for more bible stories, fun and just being together.



Starting with Easter Sunday worship on April 4, we will again be holding our Sunday Morning Worship Services at 9:00 am outside, weather permitting. If it is too nasty, we will be inside. Don't forget to dress for the weather.



This is to let you know that Trinity's website: trinityelca.com has crashed and is not working correctly. We had already started the process to find a new web designer prior to the site crashing. We will continue this process but in the meantime you will not be able to access the website or any of its information.

Please give the office a call if you need anything that you would have normally

gotten off the website. Facebook is still working so you can get some information from that site.

We are working on this as quickly as we can but it will take some time. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for April 21, 2021

Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti Casserole
Bake Yam Casserole
Mixed Vegetables
Lettuce/Spinach Salad
Bread
Jell-O Fruit Salad

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.



Care and Share Food Donations needed for April:

CANNED FRUIT AND VEGGIES

CANNED SOUPS AND PASTA



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021

Monday, March	1 22, 2021	Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	32,891.39
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)	3,804.40
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	41,641.96
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,383.04
	Total Assets	\$242,441.92
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	16,982.91
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	11,645.92
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	25,115.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,384.05
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	42,106.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,383.04
	Total Designated Giving Fund Balance	\$171,988.41
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	41,641.96
	Total Fund Balances	\$242,259.20
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$242,441.92</u>

COUNCIL Update

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

(These are approved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Candy Beatty

Opening devotions were given by Candy Beatty/Carrie Wiedenheft

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

Treasurer's report for January was reviewed. Jim stated that the Community Mission fund money was dispersed at the end of the January. We have gotten Thank you's back from almost everyone. Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had nothing to report. There was no report from Barb on the Call Committee.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph stated that the Wednesday evening Zoom services were going okay but there will be no singing since it is just too hard with the different computer internet connections.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – Candy asked if there were any thoughts on when and how Trinity was going to re-open if the county went back to orange.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – Sally reported that Barb had resigned from doing the Confirmation class and Sunday School classes. She will remain on as the Faith Builder chairperson.

Mission Service – Judy Driscoll –Jim stated that the Crossroads meals are still going well. Sally will call Judy on who is picking up the Project Noelle donations.

Property – Mike Markley - Mike stated that the front doors are now complete! Gundlach will schedule some time to come install the backflow device for the boiler. The City of Sandusky has joined an Electric aggregation. If Trinity wants to join, they do not need to do anything, and they will be enrolled in a 48-month plan. Mike made a motion to join the aggregation. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed. Painting of the offices is going well. The new flooring will be laid the week of March 8. The light was repaired in the kitchen. Mike will call The Glass Guys about looking at the upper inside window gaskets also.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Sally stated that the Lenten bags are done and picked up. They are working on the Palm Sunday service.

Old Business – Carol stated that the PayPal donation button was just added that day. At the time of printing the newsletter reported that it was not done. We will work on getting this information out however we can until the April newsletter is printed. Carol decided it was not cost worthy to mail out the unclaimed giving envelopes. They will be kept and if members come to get them, they will be available. Carol needs to check on the current cable rates and speed to see if we can support live streaming our services.

New Business – In working on the PayPal donation button Carol and Cathy Wobser found that the church website is not very user friendly and our current provider is retiring and would like to not have to manage it anymore. Carol and Cathy are checking into local providers. Barb Wobser has also asked to be taken off the Altar and Usher duties.



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

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Carrie Wiedenheft

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

Treasurer's report for February was reviewed. Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Barb reported that the Call Committee was installed on March 11. Guy Miller is the Chair and Barry Gill is the Co-Chair. Council is invited to any second interview with any perspective pastor. The church will be responsible for mileage, meals, hotel, and any background checks on perspective pastors. Council will need to decide if the parsonage will be an available option and when it would be available.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph was pleased to state that the Wednesday evening Zoom services are still going well. Pastor Ralph asked if we were ready to record the outside services and put on Facebook so that it wouldn't have to be recorded separately for Facebook. At present, services will be outside starting with Palm Sunday and Easter.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – She is looking at having a committee meeting soon.

Mission Service – Judy Driscoll – Judy picked up the Project Noelle donations.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike left an estimate for Gundlach to come in and install the backflow preventer on the boiler. Jim mad a motion to except the bid of \$1400. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed. Carrie will contact Mike and let him know that it has been approved. There was also a bid from Janotta & Herner for \$900 to relaminate the library conference table and one from Bing Cabinets for \$1600. This was tabled until Mike comes back to give council a better understanding of what is being done.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Sally stated that the committee had met the week before. At this point church services will be held outside pending weather. There was a request to do two Easter Day services, but it was decided to stick with the one service currently set for Easter.

Old Business – Carol stated that she needs to get with Cathy Wobser on the quotes she received from two companies on upgrading out website. She also needs to plan a Zoom meeting with a few council members and Tith.ly to see what they have to offer. It was recommended we try the uploading of live stream video with our current cable speed before spending money to upgrade if we don't have to. Council needs to get some more information from Brad Hoffman about what is needed to do the live streaming.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Mike Markley

Devotion leader for the next meeting is Jim Bertsch

Adjournment made by Sally. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.





PROJECT SHARES SPAGHETTI BENEFIT WAS A SUCCESS.

While the past year has definitely been a challenge, it didn't stop our community from once again supporting Project Share! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support which made our recent Spaghetti Benefit a success. The many volunteers prepared and served approximately 400 meals raising almost \$6100 for the families of the Margaretta School District. We're thankful for the many blessings our Father has bestowed on this organization. Let the glory be His!



Now's the time to help your church shine.

You can do your part by volunteering to Usher, Lector, or work on the Altar Committee. As we gear up to go back to worship we are looking to get some new faces and helping hands involved in our Sunday Services.

Our current volunteers have done an awesome job but several are stepping down and we are hoping some new people will feel the calling to support the church.

None of these activities are too time involved and current volunteers would be happy to answer any questions on what is expected of each service. Any member that has been confirmed is eligible to volunteer.

You can contact the church office and let Carol know if you have an interest.

As the weather breaks a lot of these services will be held outside so the position requirements might be slightly different.

Please give this some serious thought as the church can only run as smoothly as it does with your help.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family Abiding in Christ In Their 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 419-684-7232 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.

APRIL MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dustin Howard
- 3 Shirley Miller Alison Schwochow Carrie Wiedenheft
- 5 Alexis Howard
- 6 Ron Wriker
- 7 Robert Stradtman
- 8 Robert Troike
- 9 Harold Schonhardt
- 10 Brian Driscoll Charles Howard
- 12 Kenneth Pfann Orpha Densmore
- 13 Suzanne Berger Kaylin Griffin
- 15 Guy Miller
- 16 Rylee Chapman Thomas Kingsborough
- 18 Caleb Schwan
- 19 Betty Roeser Gail Lococo Bentley Koch



- 20 Jaelyn Sosa Kenneth Grahl Deborah Pfann
- 21 Shawn Bahnsen
- 22 Isabella Lesch Troy Brown
- 23 Dustin Auble
- 24 Casey Swartz
- 25 Alice Bertsch Lois Huff
- 26 Stephanie Salama Charles Paseka
- 28 Brenna Carrozzino Jess Neill
- 29 Adam Thiede

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Daniel & Sarah Strayer 15th
- 6 Thomas & Becky Barnes 37th
- 20 Roy & Joyce Patterson 58th
- 29 John & Natalie Powell 15th



Memorial

Giving

Ronald Wriker in memory of his wife Pauline Wriker

Roy & Joyce Patterson in loving memory of their only greatgrandchild, Isabella Elizabeth

Blevins. February 3, 2021 - February 3, 2021

Patty Swartz in memory of her father, Albert Selke





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

- To Mike and Maree Markley, Barb Sessler, Bonnie and Gary Lieb for doing most of the remodel work on the offices.
- To MaryAnn Wiedenheft for her donation of silk flowers for the Palm Sunday Service.
- To Cyclone Services for their removal of all the old office trash.
- To Stierhoff's for the moving of the furniture for the office remodel.

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. ²³ So 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 ellowship, *Food, *Bible Study, *Worship Service, *Business, *Entertainment by One Spirit Quartet *Time of Relaxation and Re-energizing *Silent Auction

*Purim Party



Women's Fellowship

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!

Women's Bible Study

Directing Choice Dollars® and Personal Giving: A How-To Guide

Direct Choice Dollars Online

- 1. Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- 2. Click Direct Choice Dollars.
- 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.
- Choose Direct All or enter a specific number and click Direct Now. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

- Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say Thrivent Choice.
- 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.)
- A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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Make a personal donation at 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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APRIL 2021

SUN	M o N	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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				Maundy Thursday	Office Closed Good Friday	NA 11:00 am
4 Easter Sunday	гO	9		8	6	10
Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am			Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter	12	13	14	15	16	17
Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am			Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	Council Mtg 7:00 pm		NA 11:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter	19	20	21	22	23	24
Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am			Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
Pourth Sunday of Easter	26	27	28	29	30	
Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am			Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm			

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of April

April 4 - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 - God raised Jesus on the third day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - Witnesses to the risen Christ

Mark 16:1-8 - The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

Prayer of the Day: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 - The believers' common life

<u>Psalm 133</u> - How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

1 John 1:1--2:2 - Walking in the light

John 20:19-31 - Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 - Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus

Psalm 4 - The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

1 John 3:1-7 - The revealing of the children of God

Luke 24:36b-48 - Eating with the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 - Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalm 23 - The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 John 3:16-24 - Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18 - Christ the shepherd

Prayer of the Day: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Free Breast Cancer Screening Event

for the uninsured or underinsured

Saturday, April 10, 2021

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Firelands Center for Breast Care 703 Tyler Street, Suite 152

To register, please call: 419-557-7840

Spread the word!

This is a special event for the uninsured or underinsured. Screenings can help detect breast cancer early, which improves the chances of successful treatment. Screening will include a clinical breast exam, education on prevention and early detection, and screening mammogram if indicated. Screening provided by: Fredric Itzkowitz, DO, General Surgeon





Firelands.com/breastcare

