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Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Hallelujah! With these words we begin our worship services for seven Sundays of the Easter season. It seems as though for most people; Easter has been over for a few weeks. The chocolate bunnies and eggs have been eaten, the baskets are put away and it's time to get Spring going.

However, for the Church, the season continues as each Sunday as we recall the activities of Jesus following his resurrection. We participate in the experience of Mary as she visits the empty tomb, and eventually meets the risen Christ. We participate with the disciples in the upper room, behind locked doors, only for Jesus to enter anyway. We experience and perhaps identify with "Doubting Thomas". And then we hear some his teachings concerning what it means for Him to be our leader and life giver.

Perhaps the most challenging thing about these weeks, and our whole faith journey, is His expectation that we will follow Him in a lifestyle of humble service. In a society where power and prestige are lifted up as important, it is difficult to put that love into a life of humility and service. In a society where the individual is more important than anything else, it is difficult to live a life of love and concern for others. As I recently read on Facebook, "It is easy to say that I love the people around me, but difficult to put that love into action."

So much of what we see going on around us is negative. Many of the posts on social media are angry, vengeful, and denigrating anyone who does not think as we do. They are often pointing the finger and saying "You are the problem" instead of asking how can we work together to solve the problem. Sadly, this same attitude happens in many of our congregation as well.

We must try to work together, as Christ would have us do, as we try to solve the problems that confront us in these days of partisanship, hatred, and disregard for the thoughts of others. Christ came into this world in order to bring peace, justice, pardon and love. As His followers, He commands us to do the same.

These are some of my thoughts as we continue the Easter Season and think on all that He has done for us, and how, we as His followers must try to do the same for those around us, regardless of who they are. Christ did this for us. Can we do anything less?

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:

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

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Worship & Music ministry



On behalf of the Worship Team that put together and walked you through Holy Week on Palm Sunday, we would like to thank the following people who volunteered their time to make it possible; Mya Smith, Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Phyllis Nuber, Pastor Ralph and Pastor Cathy, Eli Conner, Erica Miller, Natalie Thompson, Guy Miller, Russ Stephens, Nancy Vollmer, Adele Hoffman, Evan Miller, and Paul Warner. We deeply appreciate all you did!

With our worship services being outside, we have 3 people who have volunteered to lead us in the worship songs that we sing each week. Our thanks go out to Phyllis Nuber, Jim Bertsch, and Russ Stephens for their leadership with the music.



On Sunday, June 6, we will be recognizing our eight Seniors who will be graduating this year from high school. They are: Kaitlyn Miller, Halle Miller, Elise Kleinoeder, Rose Stierhoff, Cayden Orshoski, Troy Miller, Ross Patten, and Tyler Fifield-Hershey. Come and congratulate these fine students on their accomplishments and pray for them and their futures with us as well.

The next Worship and Music Committee meeting will be held on May 5 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.



And remember, all are welcome to attend our Friday morning recording of the worship services at 10:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



During the weeks of Lent, our Sunday school students were asked to GIVE UP something each week such as a toy, doll, puzzles, books, and stuffed animals. All the items they GAVE UP are going to a new homeless/overnight shelter starting up in Bellevue. We would like to thank the following students who participated in this project: Natalie Thompson, Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan Wiedenheft, Zoe Koch, and Zane and Noah Warner. I'm sure all the items they GAVE UP will be greatly appreciated by some very thankful kids.

MOTHERS DAY EVENT - On Sunday, May 9, we will be holding our annual Mother's Day event for all Sunday school kids and their moms. This year we will have 4 stations that the moms and kids can travel around to and make some nice things for Mother's Day. And don't forget, grandma can come along and be a part of this event too!



Our last Sunday school gathering for the school year will be on Sunday, May 30. We will hopefully gather outside around the flagpole for the Memorial Day Celebration to start the classes off, followed by some fun activities planned by the teachers.

YES, VBS will happen again this summer. The plans for an Olympic VBS camp are in the making so watch the newsletter, letters sent home, and messages sent to parents for more information as it becomes available.





MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

All are invited to attend our Annual Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 30 starting at 9:45 am. Our hope is to have it outside, around the flag pole. This of course will happen as soon as the 9:00 am worship service is over. Please make plans to join us as we remember those who have, and are still serving our nation.

Let U.S. Pray

Please God...

**Grant them courage,
when times are bleak.**

**Grant them strength,
When they feel weak.**

**Grant them comfort,
when they feel all alone.**

And most of all, God.

Please bring them all home.

We will NEVER Forget...

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for May 19, 2021

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

Baked Beans

Tossed Salad

Bread

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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.

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

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	27,551.98
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	61,898.71
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	98,224.46
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,813.95
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	42,874.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,288.47

	Total Assets	\$237,129.16
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Liabilities

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	111.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	144.39
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	18.69

	Total Liabilities	\$274.08
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Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	15,931.97
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	12,555.92
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	26,486.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,038.41
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,679.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,288.47

	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$165,492.20</i>
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3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	42,874.99
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	Total Fund Balances	\$236,855.08
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	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$237,129.16
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - April 15, 2021 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch.

Minutes of previous meeting (March) were reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the correction that Bonnie Lieb attended the March meeting. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for March was reviewed. Jim stated that all the office renovation invoices, that have been submitted, have been paid. Thrivent showed 3 of the 4 accounts had a loss the last quarter. Bonnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie commented that the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services were very nice. Barb reported that the Call Committee has done one interview and have two more lined up. Due to HIPPA laws no one is allowed in the building during interview sessions. Council needs to get any questions they would like to ask at a second interview into the Call Committee ASAP. They need to be reviewed to see if they violate any HIPPA rules.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – Her committee had a brief meeting that morning to discuss Mother's Day.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike left an overview that Carrie reviewed with us. Mike is looking to purchase another chair like one that was donated to the church for the pastor's office. The pastor's pictures will be hung in the church office. There are a few decorating details to be completed yet, but office is pretty much done. Gundlach will be in on April 16 to put in the backflow preventor on the boiler. City inspected the parsonage boiler water connection and it passed. The flagpole is in the works to be fixed. Mike needs to look at a couple of doors and the plungers that are not working correctly.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Their next meeting will be on May 13.

Old Business – Carol and Candy reviewed what Cathy Wobser had gotten for information on website design. Mostly they are finding it to be over their heads. Candy will get with her son and see if he can help us figure out what Trinity's best option is.

New Business – Jim made a motion that we include the streaming license to our CCLI licenses renewal for 2021. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Does Trinity need to purchase a tripod to help in the videoing of the services? Pastor Ralph will see what equipment is used at the church he attends. One Facility Use form was submitted and approved by council.

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

Devotion leader for the next meeting is Sally Warner.

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



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.

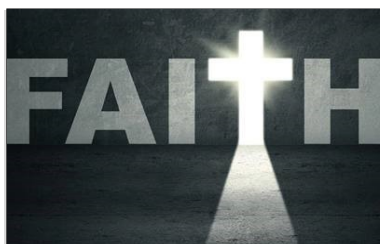
Please give this some serious thought as the church can only run as smoothly as it does with your help.



Hygiene products are being collect for the month of May for Care and Share. You can drop your donations off to the church during normal office hours and we will get them to Care and Share. Thanks for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

Soaps
 Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
 Shampoo/Conditioner
 Deodorant
 Brushes/Combs
 Wet wipes/Sanitizer





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 4/1/2021)

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 419-625-4839 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.

MAY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Phyllis Baum
Daniel Baum
Craig Stierhoff
Nellie Schenk
- 3 Hank Kleinoeder
- 4 Brevan Moore
- 5 Erica Miller
Mikayla Brown
- 6 Ann Strean
- 7 Patricia Wiedenheft
Kyle Markley
- 9 Stephen Sharp
- 10 Donald Kuns
- 11 Maryl Bango
- 12 Raina Chapman
Xander Bohn
Natalee Gast
- 13 Greg Stallard
Hunter Kingsborough
Lauren Pooch
- 14 Barbara Wobser
Chelsea Miller
- 15 Michael Ramsdell
Brynlee Stierhoff
- 16 Carrie Killingsworth
- 17 Rosa Thompson-
Markley
- 19 Lori Opfer
Donald Baum
- 20 Hollynn Hipp
Terrie Hirt
Kenneth Schenk



- 21 Linda Cantz
- 22 Kenasyn Powell
- 24 Daniel Miller
Regina Werner-Strauss
Bradley Barnes
Zachary Thrash
Tim Thompson
- 25 Jessica Opfer
David Wobser
Brian Hickman
- 26 Brandon Miller
Dawn Harris
Danielle Davie
Shelly Miller
Christian Stephens
- 27 Robert Chapman
- 28 Lane Hirt
Keith Miller
Kent Miller
Robert Wiedenheft
- 29 Ellene Kleinoeder
- 30 Hannah Stierhoff
Amy Palmison
- 31 Madison Harris
Sharon Pfann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Craig & Betsy Stierhoff - 25th
- 6 Donald & Phyllis Baum - 60th
Robert & Charlene Zeno - 54th
- 9 William & Terrie Hirt - 51st
- 11 Dale & Mary Meyer - 47th
- 12 Thomas & Jan Jenkins - 48th
- 14 Michael & Jennifer Cast - 16th
Rev Dane & Kristi Meuschke - 44th
- 15 Daniel & Meredith Dietrich - 11th
- 21 John & Rebecca Lynn - 44th
Joel & Suzanne Trout - 27th
- 23 Ronald & Marilee Werner - 51st
- 29 Kenneth & Marsha Schenk - 45th



Fred Wobser in loving memory of
MaryAnn's birthday on March 13

Barb Wobser in memory of Pat
Killingsworth

Barb Wobser in memory of Jack Pfanner

Rosemarie Canter in memory of Sam Welser



Craig and Betsy Stierhoff
May 4



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

- To all who are able to make the Sunday outdoor services
- To all who are able to make donations to support the church whether it is monetary or in support of a current project being collected for
- To the group that put together the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services

MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 Fifth Sunday of Easter Outside Communion Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am	3	4	5 Worship & Music Mtg 7:00 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	6	7	1 NA 11:00 am NA 11 am 8
9 Sixth Sunday of Easter Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am Celebrating Mother's Day	10	11	12 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	13	14	15 NA 11:00 am
16 Seventh Sunday of Easter Outside Communion Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am	17	18	19 Crossroads Meal 1pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	20 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	21	22 NA 11:00 am
23 Day of Pentecost Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am	24	25	26 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	27	28	29 NA 11:00 am
30 The Holy Trinity Outside Service at 9:00 am Sunday School Class 9:45 am - 10:30 am Celebrating Memorial Day Last S.S. Class until fall	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of May

May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 - *Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

Psalm 22:25-31 - All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

1 John 4:7-21 - *God's love perfected in love for one another*

John 15:1-8 - *Christ the vine*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 - *The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles*

Psalm 98 - Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

1 John 5:1-6 - *The victory of faith*

John 15:9-17 - *Christ the friend and lover*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May 16 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 - *Matthias added to the apostles*

Psalm 1 - The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

1 John 5:9-13 - *Life in the Son of God*

John 17:6-19 - *Christ's prayer for his disciples*

Prayer of the Day: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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.

May 23 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 - *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b - Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:22-27 - *Praying with the Spirit*

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 - *Christ sends the Spirit of truth*

Prayer of the Day: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May 30 - The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8 - *Isaiah's vision and call*

Psalm 29 - Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Romans 8:12-17 - *Living by the Spirit*

John 3:1-17 - *Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**