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June  
2021

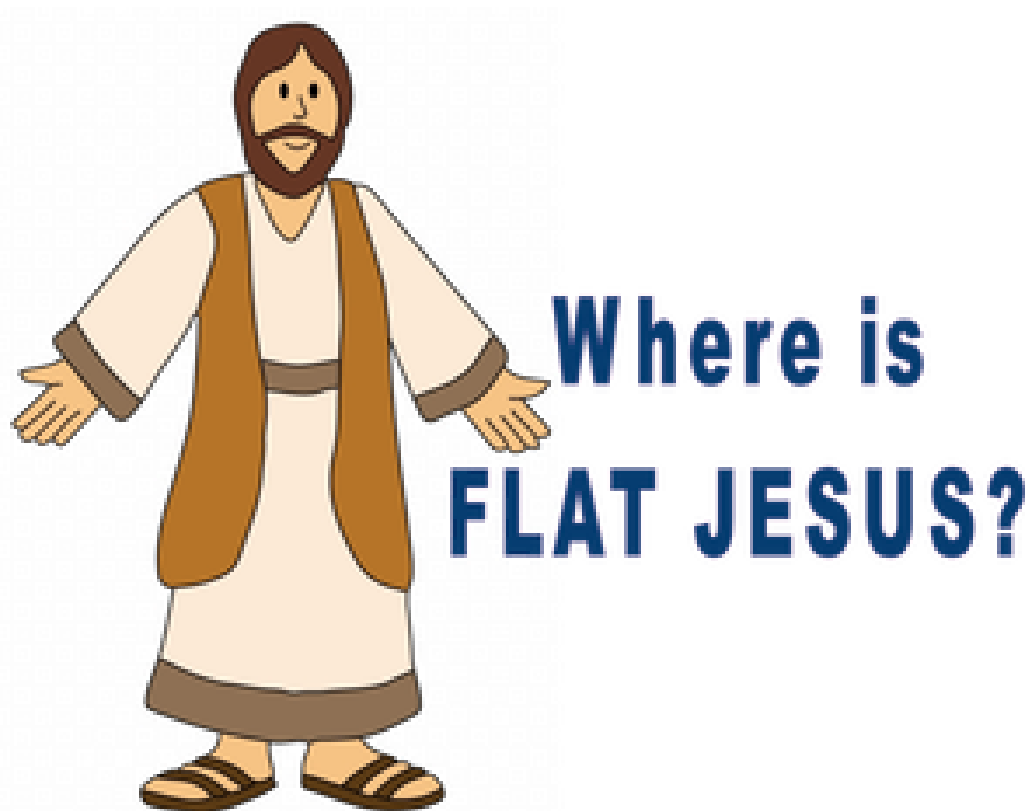
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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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This past year has been, flat-out, unlike any year we have ever known. So as we prepare to gather in person for worship (starting June 6 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services), we have decided to add a little adventure to celebrate our faith as a community and how God continues to be with us.

Beginning June 6 we will be starting Adventures with “**Flat Jesus**”. “Flat Jesus” was created from the basis of a children’s book called, *Flat Stanley*, (written by Jeff Brown). In the book, a boy named Stanley becomes flattened and is able to be mailed to different places, having all kinds of exciting adventures.

After a year of being separated from many of our church, family members, “Flat Jesus” is a simple way to help reconnect members as we enter the summer months. “Flat Jesus” is for everyone. Color “Flat Jesus” and take him with you as you attend summer ball games, travel or to whatever you do this summer. Take a picture of him doing lots of different things: going out to dinner, having fun at the lake, hanging out with friends, or whatever you are doing! It will be an amazing adventure! It is a great way to remember that Jesus is always with us, wherever we go. And it just might start up a conversation with someone about what you are doing and why!

#### **How to create your very own “Flat Jesus”:**

1. Take a printed “Flat Jesus” from the table as you enter worship on Sunday morning, or print out the template attached to the newsletter (on cardstock, if possible).
2. Decorate your “Flat Jesus.” Be creative! You can make one for yourself and even a friend.

Share how Jesus is on the move in your life! Take your “Flat Jesus” with you anywhere and everywhere. If you are not going anywhere then take a photograph of “Flat Jesus” in your garden, with your pet, cooking, eating dinner, the possibilities are endless!

#### **When you have taken photos of “Flat Jesus”, you can share your “Flat Jesus” pictures:**

1. By emailing the photos to Pastor Schibler at: [cathyschibler@gmail.com](mailto:cathyschibler@gmail.com)
2. or texting them to her: 419.348.9760.
3. Or emailing them directly to the church office: [trinityelca@bex.net](mailto:trinityelca@bex.net)

We will use your pictures in church and on Facebook. Be sure to tell us where you and your “Flat Jesus” are being photographed. It will be fun to see where Jesus is on the move this summer as you share your adventures!

We will also be sharing your photos at our Vacation Bible School Day on Sunday, July 11.

Have fun and remember – Jesus is with you ALWAYS!

Blessings,

Pastor Cathy

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## 8:00 am and 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN

Starting on the first Sunday of June, which is June 6, we will return to worshipping at 8:00 am and 10:30 am inside the building. The Worship and Music committee met and have come up with the following guidelines which were also approved by the church council for opening up our building and services slowly.

There will be only two doors available for entrance and exit. They will be the elevator and the south door into the educational wing. These doors will be unlocked at 7:30 am.

There will be one usher for each service who will be at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Their job will be to greet you, hand you a bulletin, and take a count of people in attendance.

You will notice that every other pew will be marked with either an 8:00 am or a 10:30 am sign. If you are worshipping at the 8:00 am service, please sit in these marked pews only. And of course, the same for the 10:30 am service. This is being done to help with your safety and the disinfecting of the pews with the lack of help to do this after the 8:00 am services each week.

The offering plate will be available at the entrance to the Sanctuary for you to place your envelope in. There will be no passing of the offering plate during the service.

At this time there will be no acolytes. But, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, you can start to sign up for those on the flower chart on the bulletin board, in its usual place in the hallway.

Communion will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Communion will be done with the continuous flow. There will be no kneeling at the communion rail at this time.

We will still hold off on having coffee and cookies after worship service at this time also.

Masks will not be required, but for the safety of others, you may want to continue to wear one while you are inside around others outside your bubble.



The Worship and Music committee wants you to know that going back to two services is on a **TRIAL BASIS** until Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Meaning, we are going to try this and see if our attendance does continue to increase. If the attendance does not increase from where we are with having only one service, the committee and the council will take this all into consideration and make a decision in July as to whether we continue on with two services or go back to one.

# Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for June 16, 2021

**Chicken Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
3 Bean Salad  
Roll/Butter  
Jell-O 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 April 30, 2021

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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### *Assets*

1.100.102	Checking Account	32,259.86
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	98,636.46
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,823.86
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	42,874.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,388.47

	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$242,358.95</b>
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### *Liabilities*

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

	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$91.36</b>
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### *Fund Balances*

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	16,950.99
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	16,191.50
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	26,721.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,460.32
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,680.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,388.47

	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$166,250.11</i>
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3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	42,874.99
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	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$242,267.59</b>
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	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$242,358.95</u></b>
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# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - May 17, 2021 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Sally Warner.

Minutes of previous meeting (April) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for April was reviewed. Candy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie stated that they had voted down the hiring of the pastor they interviewed. Carrie sent a letter to him explaining their decision. She also talked to Henry Seibert about continuing to look for candidates for us. A request was put into Guy Miller and Barry Gill about receiving the packet of information on any new candidates before the council interview to help them prepare questions for the candidate. Barry will look into this.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph passed on information to Sally about who to contact at the church he attends, about the equipment used for videoing services. Sally has a Galaxy Tablet on order.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – 26 Bags of chocolate Hugs & Kisses were passed out to mothers on Mother's Day.

Mission Service – Jim reported that he is still doing monthly Crossroads Meals.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike received two proposals from Janetta and Herner for new Educational Wing outside doors. The aluminum doors similar to the doors currently associated with the Educational Wing are \$10,541 with a lead time of 4-6 weeks. The fiberglass doors similar to the new front church doors are \$10,215 with a lead time of 10-12 weeks. Mike feels the aluminum doors are a better fit. They literally should fit better and look better. Mike will do some follow up on questions asked by council. The backflow preventor on the boiler looks good. The flag and rope have been fixed thanks to Matt Yetter's help. Mike needs to look at a couple of doors and the plungers that are not leaking oil. Mike will get in contact with Brad Santoro on the power washing and sealing of the parsonage and church that was approved at the October Congregational meeting. The May 2020 estimate \$3000 for the church and \$1500 for the parsonage. Gutters will need to be cleaned once the "helicopters" have finished dropping from the trees.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Sally gave an overview of the guidelines for re-opening the church up. Mike made a motion to accept the proposal with some minor additions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed. VBS will be July 11 in the afternoon. They are looking at having a cookout and songs at the end for everyone who wants to attend. June 6 will be the graduate recognition. Letters went out to graduates.

Old Business – Candy's son Bill reviewed the two options submitted to council for the website upgrade. He recommended that we go with Mark Advertising. Jim made a motion that we accept the Mark Advertising proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed. Candy will get with Cathy Wobser to have her contact Mark Advertising to get things started.

New Business – One Facility Use form was submitted Jim made a motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed. Barry sent a request asking if there were any guideline changes for the N/A group now that the church is opening back up. Carrie will let Barry know that they can continue as normal and that we have had no issues with their group meeting here. Trinity has been named as one of several beneficiaries of Charles Wiedenheft's estate.



Hygiene products are being collect for the month of June 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.

A logo for 'JAM!' featuring colorful musical notes and a treble clef. The notes are in shades of purple, blue, green, and orange. Below the logo, the text reads:

**JAM!**  
**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC**  
**IN A SPIRIT-FILLED**  
**ATMOSPHERE!**  
**COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**  
**JUNE 13, 2021**  
**BETWEEN SERVICES,**  
**9:30-10:00 AM,**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY.**

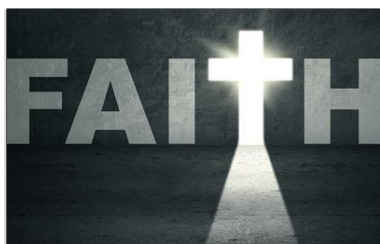


On Sunday, June 6, we will be recognizing our eight Seniors who will be graduating this year from high school. They are: Kaitlyn Miller, Halle Miller, Elise Kleinoeder, Rose Stierhoff, Cayden Orshoski, Troy Miller, Ross Patten, and Tyler Fifield-Hershey. Come and congratulate these fine students on their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



Graduating Seniors don't forget to call the church office and let them know if you will be attending this celebration and at what service you will be at.





## **FAITH Member Ministry**

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/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.

# JUNE MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                                                           |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2 Norm Stierhoff<br>Weston Miller                         |                                            |
| 3 Penny Solem                                             |                                            |
| 5 Patty Swartz                                            |                                            |
| 6 Patricia Nielsen                                        |                                            |
| 7 Julie Overmyer<br>Trevor Ramsdell<br>Rodney Velliquette | 18 Shirrell Myers                          |
| 8 Eric Cox<br>Meredith Dietrich                           | 19 Abbygail Miller<br>Allie House          |
| 9 Barbara Wiedenheft<br>Kaitlin Miller                    | 20 Dorothy Miller<br>Michael Markley       |
| 10 Rebecca Miller                                         | 21 Kaiden Rose                             |
| 11 Elaine Drossman<br>Rex Stierhoff<br>Kaitlin Hemmer     | 24 Vincent Carrozzino<br>Annette Siverling |
| 13 Angela Ramon<br>Lou Neill<br>Bryce Davie               | 25 Richard Miller                          |
| 14 Nathan Smith                                           | 26 Grace Heilmann<br>Jamie Opfer           |
| 15 Laura Miller<br>Hannah Wright                          | 27 Marilee Werner                          |
| 16 Jude Hacker                                            | 28 Claire Miller                           |
|                                                           | 29 Jennifer Lesch                          |
|                                                           | 30 Carol Radebaugh<br>Breanna Neill        |



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Tal & Ann Strean - 20th  
 18 Pete & Gail Lococo - 66th  
 24 Scott & Sharon Swartz - 26th  
 Michael & Regina Strauss - 4th  
 27 Kurt & Nicole Heilmann - 23rd  
 28 Richard & Sheryl Miller - 46th  
 30 Daniel & Gwen Miller - 48th



Rosemarie Canter, Norm & Ruby  
 Stierhoff in memory of Sam Welser

Barb Wobser, Larry & Pat  
 Wiedenheft in memory of Jack  
 Pfanner



Dorothy Miller in memory of Curt Miller

Jeannie Leimeister and Patty Swartz in loving memory of  
 their mother, Martha M. Selke on her birthday May 12  
 and Mother's Day

Jeannie Leimeister and Patty Swartz in loving memory of  
 their father, Albert Selke, for Father's Day on June 20

Fred Wobser remembering MaryAnn on their 67th  
 wedding anniversary on May 15

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Bob & Alice Bertsch, Jim  
 Bertsch, Linda Gantz, Fred Wobser, Gary & Bonnie  
 Lieb, Dave & Sally Warner, Norm & Ruby Stierhoff,  
 Jean & John Leimeister in memory of Karl Lehrer

Ruth Sieb in memory of her daughter, Debbie Withrow's  
 birthday on June 6

Patty Swartz in celebration of all Trinity's Graduates



I would like to Thank Phyllis Nuber and Nancy Vollmer for  
 the beautiful lap quilt they made for me and the card with it  
 from my Trinity family.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Paul Wiedenheft



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

- Matt Yetter for his help restringing the flagpole
- Anna Dunn and Jim Bertsch for their work putting together the Crossroads meals each month



# JUNE 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 NA 7:00 pm	3	4	5 NA 11:00 am
6 Second Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am High School Senior Graduation Recognition	7	8	9 NA 7:00 pm	10	11	12 NA 11:00 am
13 Third Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	14	15	16 Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	17 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	18	19 NA 11:00 am
20 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Father's Day	21	22	23 NA 7:00 pm	24	25	26 NA 11:00 am
27 Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	28	29	30 NA 7:00 pm			

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of June

## June 6 - Second Sunday of Pentecost

**Genesis 3:8-15** - *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

**Psalm 130** - Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

**2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1** - *Renewed in the inner nature*

**Mark 3:20-35** - *Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

**Prayer of the Day:** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## June 13 - Third Sunday of Pentecost

**Ezekiel 17:22-24** - *The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel*

**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15** - The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17** - *In Christ, a new creation*

**Mark 4:26-34** - *The parable of the mustard seed*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## June 20 - Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

**Job 38:1-11** - *The creator of earth and sea*

**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32** - You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13** - *Paul's defense of his ministry*

**Mark 4:35-41** - *Christ calming the sea*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## June 27 - Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

**Lamentations 3:22-33** - *Great is the LORD's faithfulness*

**Psalm 30** - I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15** - *Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus*

**Mark 5:21-43** - *Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Free and open to the community!

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

## MENU:

CHICKEN BRATS, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS,  
VEGETABLE STICKS & DESSERT

When: Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
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.





