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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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As some of you know, in my private devotions I often read posts from a Franciscan Priest by the name of Father Richard Rohr. Recently using information from another source, he indicated that the elements of our faith journey could be compared to a tricycle. The three wheels are tradition, Scripture, and experience. He doesn't indicate

which wheel is what, but my guess would be the front wheel with the peddles is the Scripture.

As we know, the scriptures are the foundation of our faith. As we try to live our faith, we continually need to look at the scriptures to gain an understanding of what it means to follow the teachings of Jesus, to be concerned about our neighbor, our family, our nation, and our world. The basic idea of loving our neighbor as much as we love ourselves comes from the teachings of Jesus. So, how informed are we about the scriptures? Do we practice daily readings? Do we participate in Bible studies? Is our learning about the teachings of the scriptures only coming from attending worship services? How do we keep that front wheel turning?

Tradition is how we are helped to live out those teachings. These include the traditions and teachings of the Lutheran church, as well as other denominations. It includes our worship style, how we teach the scriptures, the Holy days we observe, how we manage the functions of the congregation and how we share our faith with those around us. One of the things we do not like to admit is that traditions do change. When I was growing up, the tradition was you went to Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:30, and then to grandpas for dinner. The tradition was fasting during Lent. The tradition was that no stores were open on Sundays. Then it became the tradition of two worship services on Sunday. Stores began to open on Sundays, and you know the rest of the story. So even though tradition is a very important part of the tricycle, it does something change.

The wheel of experience is how these other wheels impact our daily lives. How do we experience the other two? How do we share the other two? Does living the other two cause us to experience life differently than others. As we saw above, traditions change. As we experience these changes, how does this effect how we live our lives? How do we adapt. As we have different experiences will we see or make change? How adaptable are we to change? How do we experience what is going on around us? Because it is different than what we are used to, do we ignore it or try to shut it out? My experiences have a lot to say about who I am, and how I live my life.

We have been living in different times during the pandemic. Things have been different, that's for sure. We have had to worship strictly online, then outdoors, and now limited indoors, and maybe soon normal, whatever that is. Will this experience change how we do and experience worship in the future? Will our traditions change at all? Will our worship experiences change? How will a new Pastor influence our traditions? How open are we to change? We have been sharing our worship online. Will that continue? There are those who are saying it should because we have been reaching people outside of the church. So, I guess the question is, how are we going to be riding our tricycle into the future?

Pastor Ralph

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP Sunday, July 11, 2021 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be a little different this year as it will be only 1 day and only 4 hours long. The Olympic themed camp, **GOD'S TEAM – GO OUT AND DISCIPLE** will offer bible stories, crafts, singing, and some really fun Olympic style games.

VBS will be for all children age 3 thru those who just finished the 5^{th} grade. And there will be an adult class offered too.

During VBS the children will get to enjoy some fun by participating in games which we hope to be held outside as

some of them involve water. We ask that each child bring along any extra change of clothes and a towel just in case they get wet. Of course, these games will only be done if the weather is warm enough. And no child will have to participate in any of the games if they do not feel comfortable doing so.

Starting at 5:30 pm, we will have our closing ceremony where ALL THE KIDS will receive a gold medal for the category that our leaders feel they were the best at. Parents, grandparents, and families are invited to come for this closing ceremony to see who wins which event!

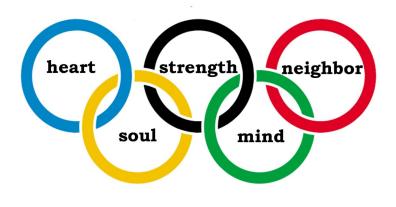
During the awards ceremony we will all get the privilege of seeing a real Olympic Torch which was carried by Castalia resident Susan Wright Cullen. She will have other Olympic items there for us to see also.

And finally, at 6:00 pm, we will end our VBS with a family cookout where all you have to bring is a lawn chair. The Congregational Life committee will furnish all the food and drinks.

So, come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at VBS camp on July 11th!

PLEASE register your child by calling the church office by July 5th so we are sure to have enough materials and prizes for all the kids.

And as always, BRING A FRIEND TOO!









YOU ARE INVITED TO.....

A FAMILY, CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC AND SING-ALONG including stories and pictures with FLAT JESUS!

Come join us on Sunday, July 11 at 6:00 pm for a family, congregational picnic at the church. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, drinks and smores will all be furnished by our Congregational Life committee for the picnic. You will need to bring a lawn chair to sit in as we plan to do this outside if the weather is pleasant. Everyone is invited and any guests are invited too!

Pastor Cathy will be talking with us about the FLAT JESUS project we have been doing and she and Adele will also be leading us in singing some familiar worship songs. If you have a song request, be sure to get it to either of these ladies by July 5.



And we ask that if you can, please call the church office at 419-626-0204 OR sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing and let us know that you

will be coming to the picnic so we can have plenty of food and drinks available.



Also, if you would like to come early at 5:30 pm, you will be able to be a part of the VBS closing ceremony and see an Olympic torch that Susan Wright Cullen carried in her run before the Olympics a few years ago in Columbus, Ohio.

So, plan to come for a relaxing evening of food, fun, and fellowship at Trinity's Congregational Picnic on July 11 at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you all there!!!



HELP WANTED!!!!

As we are working on video taping our Sunday morning Worship services and hoping to do them livestream, we are in

desperate need of some help as to how to do this. If you, or someone you know is

good as doing this kind of stuff, PLEASE contact the church office asap so we can get this figured out. We have recently purchased a new Tablet that we are recording on but have a few issues that need worked out. So please, if anyone can help us out, let us know. We would really appreciate it!







WITH TRUST IN THE LORD, THE WORK BEGAN

In 1928 Pastor Max Schleicher and a small group of friends banded together to build the first small cottage in a cornfield in Williston, Ohio. This home would provide care for people, then mostly children, who were living with developmental disabilities. In the late 1920's and early 1930's disabilities were poorly understood and often hidden within families. Yet, the need was there and the first cottage was quickly filled to capacity.

As the decades passed many more buildings were added to the Williston campus. Today, on this 25 acre site, Luther Home is licensed to provide round-the-clock care to 97 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In 1999 Luther Home also established community-based services. Today these services include affordable housing, in-home care and day habilitation programs. Operating in four Ohio counties, more than 200 people are served in these programs each day.

Much has changed and evolved since LHM's humble beginnings nearly 90 years ago. However, today, as it was in 1928, we remain true to our mission of service:

"We are a ministry Enriching Lives and Individual Abilities"



THEY NEED OUR HELP!!!

Let's help provide craft materials and some fun for the residents of the Luther Home of Mercy.

Here is their wish list:

Construction Paper (all colors) Coloring Books (large pictures) Coloring Books for Adults Crayons/Colored Pencils White Art Paper Scrapbooking Supplies Washable Markers Glue Sticks Watercolor Paints Paint Brushes (all sizes) Stickers (all sizes)



Donations can be left in the hallway in the Educational Wing during the month of July.

Donated items will be delivered the first week of August.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for July 21, 2021

Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Corn Green Beans Salad/Rolls Chocolate 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 May 31, 2021

Tuesday, June	22, 2021	Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	35,786.49
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	99,032.46
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,823.99
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	42,874.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,388.47
	Total Assets	\$246,281.71
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	20,101.93
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	17,155.83
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	17,100.00
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	27,258.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,856.45
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	33,463.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,388.47
5.220.000		\$165,966.24
2 400 200	Total Designated Giving Fund Balance	,
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	42,874.99
	Total Fund Balances	\$246,098.99
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$246,281.71</u>

COUNCIL UPDATE

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

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Mike Markley.

Minutes of previous meeting (May) were reviewed. Mike made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. 2^{nd} by Candy. Motion passed.

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

President's Report: Carrie will submit in writing to the Call Committee what Council is looking for in a candidate for a Pastor.

Mission Service – Judy asked that Trinity support Lutheran Home of Mercy in their request to collect craft supplies for their mission. This will be put in the July Newsletter. God's Work Our Hands will be happening this year in September. Judy will be out of town on the actual activity day. Can someone else fill in then or should we change our date for participation? Judy's committee will meet in the next week or so to discuss it. The Alzheimer's Walk was a great success two year ago and they would love to have our help again this year.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike shared what the glass in the Educational Wing doors will look like. Janotta & Herner will see if a bullet proof film can be added at factory or if it will need to be done after installation. Bill Klepper said he did not want to tackle the re-laminating of the library conference table. Mike will have Hobbs look at some doors that are not closing properly. They may need new hardware as old ones are obsolete. Brad Santoro will be out this week to start washing and sealing the church and parsonage. Mike is getting an estimate from Terry Gilbert to wash all the windows outside once sealing is done on brick. Mike will work on cleaning out the gutters when lift is here. Chimney cleanout door has come off. Mike may just have it filled in since it is not needed.

Witness and Welcome – Bonnie Lieb – Pastor Ralph suggested that Bonnie call some of the inactive people to let them know that we are back open.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Sally stated that we had eight graduates from Trinity this year. Very pleased that seven of them made it to the Baccalaureate and six came to church for Graduation Sunday. VBS will be July 11 starting at 2:00 pm with an Olympic theme. Pastor Cathy will be incorporating Flat Jesus in there along with a cookout at the end. Candy's group will take care of doing the food. Next meeting is July 6.

Old Business – Trinity's new website is in process. Mark Advertising has given Cathy Wobser a sample to review. She will get with them on our suggestions.

New Business - Bardshar Road is on the schedule to be resurfaced this year. Yeah!





Today's Christian Music in a Spirit-filled Atmosphere! Come, Worship, and Sing!

JULY 11, 2021

Between Services, <u>9:30-10:00 am</u>, in the Sanctuary.

TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND PROCEEDS SHOULD GO

We'll soon have a second-quarter report on the status of Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund. And, next month, our Stewardship and Finance Team will begin to consider possible destinations for the money the fund has earned through investment.

The Stewardship and Finance Team will make a recommendation to the Congregation Council, and, in turn, the Council will place its recommendation before the congregation at its annual meeting in October.

Now is the time for you to consider making a recommendation as to where some of our proceeds should go for the sake of our Lord's mission to our area and beyond. Is there work being done for the good of others that would be an appropriate destination for some of our fund earnings?

Think on it; talk with others. And, communicate your idea to president Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, or the church office. Thanks!

Here are some past recipients of these proceeds:

- Support Annual Thanksgiving Meal at Holy Angels Church
- Special gift to Care and Share
- Support Meals on Wheels Program
- Two Scholarships for State Tested Nurse's Aide training through EHOVE Career Center
- ELCA Leader's for Seminary Students
- Second Harvest
- Disaster Relief
- Lutheran World Relief





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 6/21/2021)

At the Commons of Provide	ence Assisted Living Building	g, 5000 Provide	nce Drive, Sar	ıdusky
At the Commons of Provide	ence Memory Care Unit, 490	1 Providence E	Prive, Sandusk	У
Ruby Stierhoff	Rm #114			Birthday - July 26
At the Willows of Bellevue,	101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevu	e, Ohio 44811		
At Providence Care Center	, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandus	sky, Ohio 4487	0	
Dorothy Miller	Rm #72			Birthday - June 20
At Heritage Village, 700 He	len Street, Clyde, Ohio 4341	0		
At The Meadows of Osborn	Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue	, Huron, Ohio	44839	
Shirley Miller				Birthday - April 3
Orchard Villa, 2841 Mundi Iretta Gast	ng Dr, Oregon, Ohio 43616			Birthday - July 15
In their homes: Brian & Mary Ann Hickman	51 N. Harbors End, Port Clin	ton 419-732-7	398 B: 1	May 25 MA: July 10
Viola Liptok	102 Portland Avenue, Bay Br	idge, 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	L D	D: May 24 G: Oct. 5
Bernie Neidler	1305 Ogontz, Sandusky	419-625-4839	B: N	lov. 16 MA: Dec. 30
Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, San	ndusky	419-684-5627	June 6
Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia		419-684-7232	Feb. 11
Ron Wriker Send n	101 Caswell Drive, Castalia nail to: 5316 Bardshar Rd, Sar	ndusky OH 448	370	Apr. 6

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.



JULY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- Judith Driscoll 1
- 2Brandon Buchanan Judson Overmyer
- Matthew Lesch 3
- 4 Bradley Stierhoff Amber Graham
- Michael Cullen 5 Susan Cullen Abigail Price
- 6 Addison Strayer Kevin Ramon **Charlee Stierhoff**
- 7 Jonathan Gill **Tricia** Patten
- 8 Debra Miller
- 9 Phyllis Nuber
- 10 Mary Ann Hickman
- 12 Scott Swartz
- 13 Thomas Barnes
- 15 Dominic Stierhoff Iretta Gast Stephen Wobser

Iretta Gast Orchard Villa 2841 Munding Dr Oregon OH 43616





- 16 Logan Lesch
- 18 Sandy Paseka
- **Cindy Bowers**
- 20 Candy Beatty 21 Pastor Ralph Schibler
- 22 Katelynne Howard
 - Patti Bango
- 23 Dolores Troike 24 Niles Fuller
- Dennis Sessler 26 Kimberly Stierhoff
- Ryan Paseka **Ruby Stierhoff**
- 29 Fred Wobser
- 31 Charlene Stierhoff Don Casanova

ANNIVERSARIES

- Drew & Shelby Koch 4th 1
- 3 Ben & Christina Stephens - 17th
- Charles & Kathy Bango 21st 7
- 8 Dominic & Tracy Carrozzino 15th
- 11 David & Kellie Beiser 7th
- 12 Shawn & Emily Tordi 18th
- 15 Ron & Cindy Cox 43rd
- 16 Matthew & Dawn Smith 16th
- 19 David & Sally Warner 46th
- 20 Jeff & Debra Miller 42nd
- 24 Dan & Cindy Griffin 40th John & Linda Huff - 50th
- 26 Mike & Maree Markley 46th
- 29 Drew & Danielle Davie 15th
- 31 Tom & Peggy Kingsborough 45th

Jean Cline in memory of Karl Lehrer

Memorial for Clarence Smith



Orpha Densmore in celebration of daughter, Carla's birthday and in the birth of a new grandson.

Jim Bertsch, Dave & Sally Warner, Russ Stephens in memory of Joyce Kenne

Jim Bertsch in memory of Robert Wightman

Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of Curtis Miller and in celebration of Dorothy Miller





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

- William Beatty for his help on researching new website providers for Trinity
- Cathy Wobser, Pastor Cathy, and Carol Dahs for help in setting up the new computer for live worship recording
- Guy Miller and Sally Warner for food donations for the Crossroad Meals



JULY 2021

S U N	M o N	TUES	W E D	THURS	FRI	SAT
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						NA 11:00 am
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost	IJ	9	2	8	6	10
8:00 & 10:30 am		Worship & Music Mtg - 7:00 pm	NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 & 10:30 am 9:30 am 2:00 to 6:00 pm 6:00 pm			NA 7:00 pm	Council Mtg 7:00 pm		NA 11:00 am
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost	19	20	21	22	23	24
Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am			Crossroads Meal 1pm			
			NA 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 am
Nineth Sunday of Pentecost	26	27	28	29	30	
8:00 & 10:30 am						
			NA 7:00 pm			

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of July

July 4 - Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5 - The call of Ezekiel Psalm 123 - Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2) 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 - God's power made perfect in weakness Mark 6:1-13 - Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal

Prayer of the Day: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

July 11 - Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

<u>Amos 7:7-15</u> - The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel <u>Psalm 85:8-13</u> - I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8) <u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u> - Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory <u>Mark 6:14-29</u> - The death of John the Baptist

Prayer of the Day: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

July 18 - Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6 - From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel Psalm 23 - The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1) Ephesians 2:11-22 - Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 - Christ healing the multitudes

Prayer of the Day: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

July 25 - Nineth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44 - Elisha feeding a hundred people Psalm 145:10-18 - You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16) Ephesians 3:14-21 - Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling John 6:1-21 - Christ feeding the five thousand

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

NEHEMIAH MONTHLY

Encourage - Empower - Educate

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greetings,

Afterschool programs have ended for the 2020-2021 school year. For the summer, we are offering four different programs:

 We will be providing free private tutoring to students who are already connected to us through our afterschool programs. This is designed to help our children overcome some of the learning complications from COVID-19 that many faced.
We will be a food distribution site for our community in partnership with Sandusky City Schools. Any child can receive free school sack lunches from us Monday through Friday throughout the summer.

3. We will have open gym three times a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) from 9:00am-12:00pm.

4. We will host three different theme-camps designed to be fun for our kids (dates TBD).

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our volunteers who give their time and our partners who financially support our ministry every month! Without you, our programs would not be possible. Thank you for giving today to change what tomorrow holds for our kids in Sandusky!

AMAZON SMILE

Set Nehemiah Partners as your Amazon.Smile charity, and then shop like usual. As you purchase items, Amazon will donate 0.5% from your eligible purchases to Nehemiah Partners. As we just wrapped up our afterschool programs for this school year, we are currently getting the Nehemiah Center cleaned and ready to kick off our summer programs! Since we have closed for the school year, we have had countless students show up on our doorsteps asking, "When do you open again?" and "When do summer programs start?" Within these instances, we have made sure each of these students got a quick snack and some individual time with our staff before they left. Our kids in the community are ready and excited for things to kick off! We have a great plan, a beautiful location, a cool building, and the right vision in place.

All we need is YOU and your support!

If you would like to volunteer with us this summer, feel free to reach out to me at (419) 515-9257. We will do our best to get you plugged into a meaningful volunteer experience that will hopefully make an impact in our students' lives.

Is working directly with students not your cup of tea? We have endless needs in keeping our building clean and organized between program days. There are so many ways that you can help us throughout the next few months!

If volunteering isn't your thing but you still care about helping kids in the community, you can safely donate on our website, http://nehemiahpartners.org. If you donate using PayPal, there is even an option to give on a monthly basis to help fuel our mission in Sandusky, Ohio.

Thank you all so much for the continued love and support that you have shown to our kids! Together, we are educating, encouraging, and empowering the next generation in our community.

Grace and Peace, Chris Sommers Executive Program Director Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to the community!

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

When: Wednesday, July 14th 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: GRILLED HAMBURGERS, CHEESY POTATOES, SALAD & DESSERT

