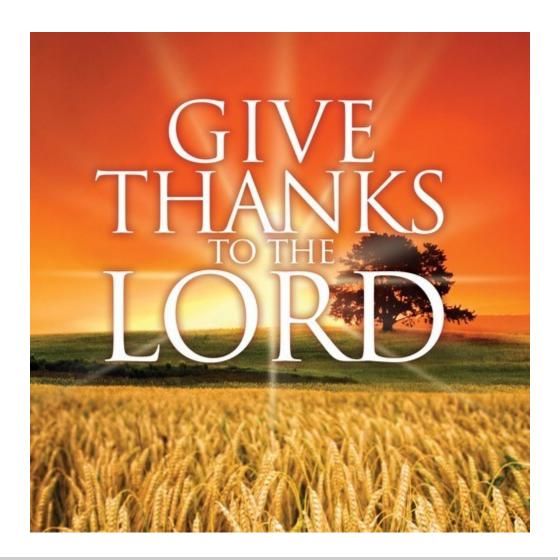
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It doesn't seem possible that we are entering the month of October. Where has the time gone? Even though we have not had the usual year so far, it still seems to have gone so fast.

As you know, at the end of October, we remember Luther and the Reformation. How the nailing of the 95 Theses on

the church door changed the life and direction of the church. Priests were now allowed to marry; congregational members were permitted to receive both the bread and the wine in Holy Communion. The Church was divided again. (Remember the first time the Church was divided was in the first part the 10th century when it was split into the Eastern and Western churches.) And from that point on, there were further splits within the Western Church. There eventually became the many denominations we now know. Yes, things change.

We have seen churches come together and have seem them split again. Just look at our Lutheran heritage. At one point, here in Ohio, we were one. Then the decision was made that we should have a school of theology here in Ohio. However, since we were a German speaking people in an English-speaking country, should the language of this school be German or English? We could not agree, so two schools were formed, one in Columbus, and one in Springfield. The schools that we now known as Capital and Wittenberg. The Church was again split. And as you know, there were further splits. However, in our lifetimes, some of these splits have been resolved, but then other questions came up such as the ordination of women and then of people of gay leanings. And so, the church was split once more.

And now here we are in the midst of a pandemic that sees us voicing and feeling differences of practices and opinions. Vaccine or no vaccine? Mask or no mask? Normal worship or abbreviated worship? Sometimes we struggle with what it means to follow the teachings of Jesus in all of this. How do I love my neighbor as much as myself when I make the decision of what to do? In our present culture, it seems to be difficult to make decisions that benefit more than just me. Throughout His ministry, Jesus always taught that "We should love our God with our whole hearts, minds and souls and we should love our neighbors as much as ourselves." How can we live this out when we have so much division in our culture right now? And it's not just the

pandemic. Our nation is divided on so many issues. Maybe the only thing that will bring reconciliation is to try to live the teaching of doing to others as we would want them to do to us. Are we up to that kind of love and caring? May God give us the hope, faith and strength to do that.

Pastor Ralph



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MASKS ARE NOT MANDTORY!

There has been some chatter that we have mandated masks at our Worship Services. This is not true and even the signs that are on our doors say that you are kindly asked to wear one. But it does not say they are mandatory. The word from our Synod, which is where the Worship and Music committee takes its suggestions from and then passes them on to

you, is stating that we should suggest masks be worn at this time for the **protection** of each other. But, at the time of the printing of this newsletter, we have NOT made them mandatory yet.

But we are making a couple changes to our worship area. Starting in October, we will be going back to the seating of every other pew to distance each other from being too close so we can continue with our singing of the hymns. Also, you will be seeing only one usher/greeter at the front entrance to the Sanctuary. This person's main concern is to greet any new visitors, get a count of the people worshiping, and take care of the offering envelopes after the services. There will now be a table sitting at the back of the church with the bulletins and an offering plate on it for those who enter at the back of the church. Our hope is that if you sit in the back and a visitor does come in that way that you would be courteous and welcoming to them.



And of course, should things get any worse with the Covid situation, changes made need to be made and we will inform you of them in the best way we can. Our committee would like to thank you all for your understanding with these difficult situations and we pray that you are all thankful, as we are, that we are still able to worship at all together in our church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE!

Because our Worship services have been getting over with earlier than usual we will now be starting Sunday School at 9:00 am and ending at 10:00 am. This way it gives our teachers more time to do more things with the kids and if we should go past 10:00 am it will not run into the start of the 10:30 am Worship Service.



We NEED you. Can you HELP?

Our youth will be collecting items during the month of October to help them with a project they will be doing with the kids at Grace Lutheran church.

HELP THE HOMELESS is a new activity that is taking the place of Cardboard City that our kids normally participated in.

They will be meeting for one night to learn about homelessness in our area, pack up the items we are collecting and add them with the bags that were made up during our Gods Work, Our Hands Day activity.

We are asking for you to bring in one of each of the following items to make up one kit:

1 winter hat adult size

1 pair of gloves adult size

1 snack bar

1 wash cloth with a bar of soap



If you would like you can place your items in a Ziplock bag to make one kit. Then place your completed kits in the basket at the front entrance of the Sanctuary.

Again, we will be doing this only during the month of October, so the 31st will be the last day to turn them in.





TRUNKS FOR TREATS!

We will once again be having Trunks for Treats for our Sunday School kids on Sunday, October 31st during the Sunday School hour.

We are asking again this year that your treat be in individual bags. If you are giving out numerous pieces of candy, please put them in a plastic bag together. No loose candy for the kids or you to put any hands into.

thank you!

We want to keep this as safe as possible for our kids here at the church and yet let everyone have a good time.



Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm

This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to it's members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

Trinity will also be in need of new <u>Council Chairs</u> for several positions. Please see a member of council if you would be interested in any of these positions. Council meetings run about an hour long and are currently scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. This is your chance to get new faces and ideas into your church activities and council.

<u>Community Mission chair</u>, currently held by Judy Driscoll (this is a one year term to complete Judy's second year as she is not able to complete the second year)

Property chair, currently held by Mike Markley (this is a two year term)

Stewardship & Finance chair, currently held by Jim Bertsch (this is a two year term)

Witness & Welcome chair, currently held by Bonnie Lieb (this is a two year term)

Worship & Music chair, currently held by Sally Warner (this is a two year term)

If you would like further information on these positions please see any council member. Again, your participation is what keeps Trinity going so please take some time to think these positions over and listen to God's call for your time and commitment to your church.



Trinity's profile is still being looked at by potential candidates.

Please continue to pray that Trinity is able to find a good fit for our congregation soon.

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for October 20, 2021

BBQ Chicken
Mac & Cheese
Vegetable
Salad and Bread
Dessert

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 August 31, 2021

Monday, Septer	mber 20, 2021	Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	31,803.03
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,702.14
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	104,615.67
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,843.89
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	56,659.59
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,608.59
	Total Assets	\$262,709.51
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	29,316.65
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,454.08
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	27,798.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	108,459.56
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,230.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,608.59
	Total Designated Giving Fund Balance	\$173,096.47
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	56,659.59
	Total Fund Balances	\$262,526.79
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$262,709.51



TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - September 16, 2021 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Mike Markley

Minutes of previous meeting (August) were reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as submitted. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for August was reviewed. Jim stated that \$10,000 was moved from the current fund to the Reserve fund per council's approval in July. Bonnie made a motion to accept the June treasurer's report. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie spoke with Guy Miller and he stated that Trinity's profile is still being looked at by potential candidates.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph asked that we try and get the live feed video services up and running. Carol will work on this.

Mission Service – GWOH"s went well. 100 bags were filled with hygiene items and delivered to Crossroads, Care & Share, and Sally's friend that delivers to those actually living on the street.

Property – Mike Markley – Snow removal contract was signed with Dunlap for 2021/2022. A new surge protector was installed for the carillon. Mike Garvin, Mike Markley and Janotta & Herner will be in on Tuesday to get all the specs on the new educational wing outside double doors. Mike will talk to The Glass Guys about sealing the outside upper floor windows. Ron Van Zandt will brick up the old chimney cleanout door. Hobbs is waiting on the new door closures for the sanctuary front inside doors.

Stewardship & Finance – Greg Norman, Ann Strean, and Guy Miller completed the 2020 financial audit. Greg will put together a report for council.

Worship and Music – Carrie reported for Sally that they will put the 8 and 10:30 seating signs back up on the pews.

Old Business – Trinity's new website is close to going live. Cathy Wobser is still working on releasing our domain name from our old provider. The council nomination committee did meet and letters were sent our to individuals requesting their consideration of open council chairs.

New Business – Barb made a motion to accept the transfer of Linda & Lawrence Velliquette from Good Shepherd Lutheran to Trinity. 2nd by Mike. Motion passed. Pastor Ralph will welcome them on Sunday. N/A submitted a facility use form to hold a chili cookoff in the fellowship hall. Barry will be in attendance throughout the event. They will bring food in in crock pots so use of ovens/stove is not needed. Council approved with them knowing they are to follow any COVID guidelines we would have in place at that time. Carol will ask Barry to get Trinity a new Narcan for our first aid kit. Barb asked if there had ever been an inventory done at Trinity. Doesn't appear to have been done. She is willing to work on this. We will ask for volunteers to help her. Barb requested that council reread the Bylaws and Constitution as we seem to vary from it. Maybe it needs to be updated to suit Trinity's more current status. Pastor Ralph is willing to help with this.





Joseph & Lauren White, SSOE, Inc. Greg Norman, Jim Bertsch, Larry & Linda Velliquette, Joanne Mueller, Irvin & Lilah Garlock, Paul & Barb Lilje, Duane Gast's Co-Workers, Patricia Gast,



Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Iretta Gast

Jim Bertsch, Larry & Linda Velliquette, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Al Gast Jr.

Charles & Judy Howard in memory of Relda Neiderhofer

In loving memory of Kevin Wobser on his birthday, September 11, 1958 from his dad

Nancy Sessler in loving memory of Robert's birthday on October 4

Patty Swartz, Larry & Linda Velliquette, Jeanette Smith, Mr & Mrs Dave Bodi, Gary & Toni Bochardt, Fred Wobser, Laloni Grosswiler, Doreen Ross, Dee & John Ried, Thomas & Diane Ried, Roberta Ritter, Bill & Diane Jacoby, Barry & Karen Gill, John & Nancy Hagelberger, Jeff & Barb Rohrbacker, Jeff & Cindy Parker, Al & Casey Miller, Cathy Bales, Dave & Bev Miller, Lonnie Homan, Jody Rollins, Michael & Linda Gentry, Barbara Swain, Lila Bertsch, Phil & Janet Gardner, Jim & Marge Cremean, Kathy & Galen Damschroder, Rodney & Kendra Smith, The Paul Wiedenheft Family, David Myers, Kay Loroff, Dave & Sally Warner, Leo & Wendy Kaufman, Larry & Jean Robinett, David & Karen Echert, Barb Wobser, Linda Gantz, Nancy Sessler, Norm & Ruby Stierhoff, Christine Hamilton, Agnes Nickle, Russ Stephens, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Linda Miller-Moore, Carol Harris, Donna Gerold, Roger & Jane Rowland, Charlotte Miller, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, James & Teresa Floro, Dennis & Valarie Grahl, Betty Roeser, Cindy Griffin, George & Bonnie Wiswell, Tom & Peggy Kingsborough, Charles & Jan Adams, Terri Gardner, Raul & Cindy Veliz & Family, Marie Severance, James & Phyllis Lipp, Linda Townsend, Nancy Smetzer, Wesley & Betty Miller, Roy & Joyce Patterson, Kathryn Enouen, Edward & Laureen Bollinger, Stanley & Sheree Miller, Patsy & Diana Troike, Bernie & Mary Ann Neidler, Terry & Marion Perkins, David & Linda Gysan, Michael & Joanne Shelly, Dorothy Peters in memory of Dorothy Miller



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 Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Rm #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

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

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

Danbury Senior Living, 33770 Bagley Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

Viola Liptok Rm #230 419-684-5840 Birthday - Dec. 9

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Dan & Gwen Miller 5708 Bogart Road, Castalia 419-684-5274 D: May 24 G: Oct. 5

Bernie Neidler 1305 Ogontz St, 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.

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Stierhoff Hemi Palmison
- 2 Betty Miller Audrey House
- 4 Rosemarie Canter Joyce Patterson
- 5 Nancy Sessler Gwen Miller Brock Parker
- 8 Casey Miller
- 9 Deborah Sharp Trent Hershey
- 10 Chris Nielsen Sally Hershey
- 11 Paul Wiedenheft Ron Werner Emma Killingsworth
- 13 Kathy Parker Elisa Kurth Adam Davis
- 14 William Hirt Amanda Keller
- 15 Roger Huff Tylie Weyer
- 16 Joshua David Canter Halle Miller



- 17 Denise Casanova Emily Strauss
- 18 Bret Hirt
- 19 Gayle Thompson
- 20 Kellie Beiser
- 21 Michelle Orshoski Troy Karbler
- 22 Charlie Bango A.J. Oeder Cameron Swartz
- 23 Amy Baum Kevin Cox Glen Bango
- 24 Bradley Poock
- 27 Susan Corbin
- 28 Madison Brogle
- 30 Jean Schrenk



- 4 Robert & Sally Hershey 13th
- 7 Glen & Patti Bango 26th
- 9 Matthew & Dana Savage 17th
- 10 Ken & Carrie Killingsworth 11th Robert & Melissa Wiedenheft - 6th Allen & Hollynn Hipp - 6th
- 11 Max & Valri Didion 7th
- 21 Jeffrey & Chris Nielsen 32nd
- 22 Kevin & Andrea Krupp 10th
- 23 Jeff & Shelly Robbins 39th





Penny & Chet Solem 3506 Westerham Dr Clermont FL 34711

Mike & Maree Markley 3714 Ronald Dr, Apt A PO Box 15 Castalia OH 44824



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

- Greg Norman, Ann Strean, & Guy Miller for doing the 2020 financial audit
- Don & Cindy Bowers and Cyclone Services for their continued trash removal services
- Cathy Wobser & Carol Dahs for working on Trinity's new website
- To all who donated items and participated in GWOH's Sunday



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Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am			NA 7:00 pm		×	7
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10 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Jam Session 9:30 am			NA 7:00 pm			
17 Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost	18	19	20	21	22	23
Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am			Crossroads Meal 1pm			NA 11:00 am
`			NA 7:00 pm	Council Mtg 7:00 pm		
24 Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am			200°C VIV			NA 11:00 am
Congregational Meeting 2:00 pm			11/A 7:00 pm			
31 Reformation Sunday						
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Trunks for Treats/S.S. 9:00 am						
Confirmation						

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of October

October 3 - Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 - Created for relationship

Psalm 8 - You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 - God has spoken by a Son

Mark 10:2-16 - Teaching on marriage

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 10 - Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 - Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live

Psalm 90:12-17 - So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Hebrews 4:12-16 - Approach the throne of grace with boldness

Mark 10:17-31 - Teaching on wealth and reward

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 17 - Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

<u>Isaiah 53:4-12</u> - The suffering servant

Psalm 91:9-16 - You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Hebrews 5:1-10 - Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45 - Warnings to ambitious disciples

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 24 - Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

<u>Jeremiah 31:7-9</u> - The LORD gathers the remnant of Israel

<u>Psalm 126</u> - Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Hebrews 7:23-28 - Christ the merciful high priest

Mark 10:46-52 - Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus

Prayer of the Day: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 31 - Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD

Psalm 46 - The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Romans 3:19-28 - Justified by God's grace as a gift

John 8:31-36 - Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

203 South Washington Street Castalia, OH

Wednesday, October 13th 5:00 — 6:00 pm (or until sold out)

Drive-through pickup at the back of the church.

Delivery is available for shut-ins. Call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

ON THE MENU:

Chicken & gravy with veggies over biscuit, cole slaw, applesauce, and dessert.

God's work.
Our hands.



Eastern Conference Fall Retreat

Saturday October 16, 2021 9:00am – 1:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

212 N. Clover St., Fremont, OH

Theme: "Rebirth & Renewal"

Titus 3:5: he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Program: Becky Siebert on Tanzania

Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God's word.

Registration & coffee hour starts at 8:30am

Cost: \$5.00 (paid at door – includes coffee hour & lunch)

In-Kind Gifts: St. John's Blessing Box which is used primarily by the Homeless.

Individual packets are best and canned items that have the pull-tabs to open. Below are suggested items, however, other similar items are welcomed.

Boxes of Cereal (Ig or individual) Packets of Peanuts Applesauce cups

Slim Jim's Peanut butter/Cheese Cracker packages

SpaghettiOs Bottles of Water Snack Bags-chips, Doritos, etc.

Tuna Packets Fruit Snacks Pop tarts Juice boxes Macaroni/cheese individual servings Microwave Popcorn Hot chocolate packets Toothpaste Toothbrushes Small boxes of raisins Cereal/granola bars Fruit cups Canned Soups Ramen Noodles Trail Mix Little Debbie's Rice Krispy Treats

Instant Oatmeal Individual packets of Tissues Hats
Gloves Scarves Hand cream

Individual packs of silverware Individual Peanut Butter servings

Please RSVP by Oct. 10th to Karen Schwochow at 419-332-7341 or

karen.stjohns@gmail.com

Handicap entrance with elevator – is located in back from Wood Street parking lot.