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LOVE

each other as I have loved

YOU.



- John 15:12, NIV

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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We are still trying to figure things out as far as Covid is concerned. We are still trying to figure out how to deal with it. Face masks, no face masks. Social distancing, togetherness. Parties, no parties. And so, it goes.

But there are also parts of our faith that are confusing as well, especially when we look at ideas of faith and our ideas of society. Our general understanding of society is like a top-down theory, or pyramid idea. There is someone at the top, the point of the pyramid. That person is the leader, and usually in control. Then as things descend, minor leaders with control over those under them, and finally the bottom, those whom have no control, and must just follow. We see this in our whole system. Even though we elect our officials, they are pretty much in control. They make the rules, and we follow.

In the older days, and still in some countries, there is the leader who sits on the seat of authority, and all must follow his orders or face the consequences.

In some respects, we in the church have a similar system. God sits on His throne on high. He makes the laws, and we are to follow. There are church leaders who have the responsibility to see that these rules are followed. They are people like the pope, bishops, denominational presidents, pastors, deacons, and the like. You obey these folks or are in some way punished. But is this really the way it was meant to be? Yes, I, know that we need parameters and guidelines and some sense of order, but is this what Jesus did and taught?

Remember, when the people wanted to make Jesus their king, he left the place. His leadership was to show people how to care for one another. There were no higher ups or lowly nothings. All people counted and were to be included. Those who were outcasts as well as those who were leaders received his attention and ministry. Jesus sets the example as to how we are to lead. We are to minister to those who the rest of society ignores. We are to reach out and welcome those who have been rejected by others. We are to be concerned about the health and safety of others. This does not seem to be happening in regard to the pandemic. It seems to be, "It's my way or the highway." If we love one another as much as we love ourselves, then we should be doing everything we can to protect the health and well-being of those around us even wearing masks. Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Pastor Ralph



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GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS! BLESSING OF THE BOOK BAGS!
1st GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION! RALLY DAY!

Come join us for a full morning of activities on Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 am.

We will only be having one worship service that Sunday and we hope you can all come and be apart of it.



During the worship service we will present 3 young lads with their 1st Bible. Drew Killingsworth, Ryan Wiedenheft, and Noah Warner will all be apart of this important milestone in their Christian upbringing.

Also, during the worship service all students, teachers, and any school employee will be welcome to come forward for a Blessing of the Bookbags!



Then, after our worship service we will get to be involved in putting together bags of items for homeless people in our community.

AND we will have our first day BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:15 am to 11:15 am on this day also.

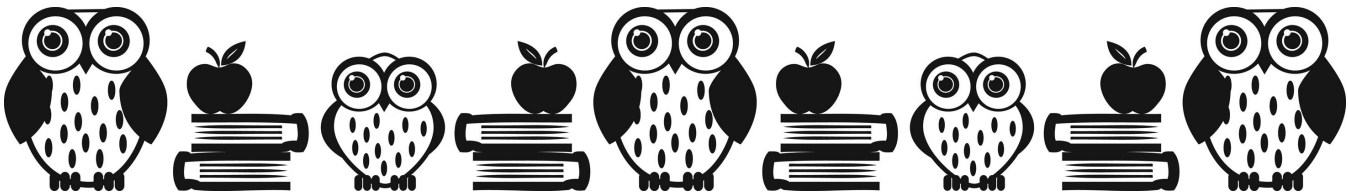


So, save the date, mark your calendars with the times and come worship and serve our community working for God with our Hands!



In preparation for GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS on Sunday, September 12, we are still in need of a few items to be able to pack 100 backpacks with personal care items for the homeless in our area.

- ♦ Toothpaste
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Socks (suitable for men or women)
- ♦ Combs
- ♦ Travel Size Wet Wipes
- ♦ Hand Warmers



The Call Committee received it's first candidates the second week of April. We've interviewed 4 candidates so far. With a variety of years of experiences. I've enjoyed working with this passionate group of committee members. We're working hard to find a pastoral candidate that best fits our congregation. We're continuing to interview candidates with similar spiritual missions as our own congregation, and are following where the holy spirit guides us.

~ Guy Miller, Call Committee Chairman





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 its 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 a new Council Chairs 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.

Community Mission chair, 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.



Please be aware that some members of the congregation have received emails, text messages, and other forms of communications from "Pastor Ralph Schibler" asking for gift cards to be purchased for some project he is working on.

**THIS IS A SCAM.
PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANY CARDS OR RESPOND.**

It appears Trinity's phone lists have been hacked. We have reported this to the police and are asking that you do so also if you receive one of these.

If you have any questions please call the church office or a council member.

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for September 15, 2021

**Fake Steak
Mashed Potatoes/Beef Gravy
Corn/Beans, Tomatoes
Applesauce
Bread/Butter
Anna's 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 July 31, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	33,186.51
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	104,455.67
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,843.89
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	46,659.59
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,608.59

Total Assets \$253,932.99

Liabilities

2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	133.95
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

Total Liabilities \$225.31

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	33,262.70
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	2,124.92
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	27,708.28
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	108,299.56
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	33,044.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,608.59

Total Designated Giving Fund Balance \$171,660.47

3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	46,659.59
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Total Fund Balances \$253,707.68

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$253,932.99

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - August 19, 2021 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch.

Minutes of previous meeting (June and July) were reviewed. Candy made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes as submitted. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes as submitted. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for June and July were reviewed. Candy made a motion to accept the June treasurer's report. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed. Barb made a motion to accept the July treasurer's report. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Call Committee is still interviewing candidates as they are presented from the ELCA.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph thanked council on the update that someone has been using his name in spam messages to solicit gift cards for various "church needs". Council suggested that the police be notified so a report could be placed on file. Carol will take care of this.

Mission Service – Judy and Barb delivered the art supplies to Luther Home of Mercy. They were so grateful for all the supplies. Judy is looking into doing another type of collection for them. Pork & Kraut Dinner will be November 7.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike presented the quotes for the new Educational Wing outside doors. Barb made a motion to accept the bid from Janotta & Herner for \$10,541 for the doors and \$1018 for the safety coating. Funds to be taken from the Building Improvement fund. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to accept the bid of \$1284 from Hobbs to put new door hinges on the doors at the back of the church at the top of the stairs. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Mike will look into getting someone to brick up the hole in the chimney where the ash cleanout door was.

Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch – Jim will transfer \$10,000 out of the Current fund, since it has a high balance, into a more interest accruing account.

Witness and Welcome – Bonnie Lieb – Bonnie asked that an update of the Call Committee be put in the newsletter as she has had several requests from members on the status.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – September 12th service will be at 9:00 am only. It will be a busy day with it being Rally Day for Sunday School, First Graders will receive their bibles, there will be bags for fill for GWOH, and Blessing of the Bookbags.

Old Business – Trinity's new website will go live on August 31st. Carol and Cathy Wobser will have training on how to edit the site on September 1. Barb made a motion that council reconsider Brainiacs for at least a few months of service. 2nd by Mike. Motion passed.

New Business – Facility Use form from Cindy Norman was approved. The 2020 Financial Audit needs to be completed. Carol will see if previous volunteers will do this year's. This year's Congregational meeting is set for October 24 at 2:00 pm. Positions up at the end of 2021 are Community Mission, Property, Stewardship & Finance, Witness & Welcome, and Worship & Music



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



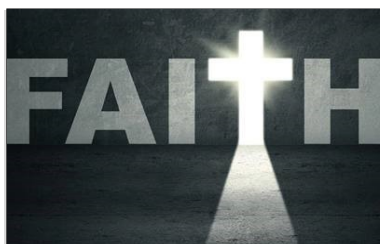
JAM!

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!**

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.

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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 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

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

Orchard Villa, 2841 Munding Dr, Oregon, Ohio 43616

Iretta Gast Birthday - July 15

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.

SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Maree Markley | |
| 3 Chet Solem | |
| Charlie Miller | |
| 4 Jeffrey Nielsen | |
| 6 Warren L Canter | |
| 7 Nancy Remy | |
| 9 Hunter Schwochow | 20 John Powell |
| Drew Killingsworth | Andrew Wright |
| 10 Noah Warner | Charles House |
| Joseph Hemmer | 21 Beth Ashby |
| 12 Jean Holbrook | John Barnes |
| 13 Jeff Gill | Tyler Fifield-Hershey |
| 14 Alex Smith | Jacob Savage |
| Russ Howard | 24 Shelly Robbins |
| Suzanne Trout | Tyler Hemmer |
| Roy Patterson | Carlie Wiedenheft |
| Addison Mayo | 25 Alice Orshoski |
| 15 RaNae Oddo | Lily Hirt |
| Julie Sosa | 26 Cory Orshoski |
| 16 John Miller | Kim Likes |
| Xavier Bohn | Samantha Canter |
| Jameson Stierhoff | 27 Susan Smith |
| 17 Mayleigh Griffin | 29 Wendy Wiedenheft |
| Donald Parker | 30 Chase Stierhoff |
| Adam Ashby | |
| Pastor Cathy Schibler | |
| 18 Jaxson Overmyer | |
| 19 Ruth Sieb | |
| Kristi Meuschke | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Randy & Tricia Patten - 31st
 8 Ian & Katie Nemitz - 3rd
 9 Todd & Alison Schwochow - 26th
 15 Norm & Ruby Stierhoff - 59th
 Dennis & Barbara Sessler - 48th
 Tim & Rachel Haynes - 3rd
 20 Robert & Elisa Kurth - 13th
 Robert & Dolores Troike - 46th
 22 Kirk & Karilyn Harper - 3rd
 21 Kyle & Veronica Markley - 6th
 27 Paul & Melissa Stierhoff - 18th
 Gerald & Krista Schill - 7th
 30 John & Dawn Harris - 32nd
 Michael & Angie Ramsdell - 21st
 Joseph & Mary Miller - 4th

Gregory, Susanne, & Carrie
 Lemert, Kenneth Grahl, Edward
 Grahl in memory of Joan Nielsen
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Viola Liptok
 Danbury Senior Living
 33770 Bagley Rd
 Room #230
 North Ridgeville OH 44039

Penny & Chet Solem will be moving to Florida at the end of September. Here is their new address starting in October.

Penny & Chet Solem
 3506 Westerham Dr
 Clermont FL 34711



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

- Barry Gill for leading the worship services on August 8

SEPTEMBER 2021

31	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 NA 7:00 pm	2	3	4 NA 11:00 am
5	Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	6	7	8 NA 7:00 pm	9	10	11 NA 11:00 am
12	Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 9:00 am Rally Day (1st day of Sunday School) 1st Graders receive their bibles Blessing of the bookbags God's Work Our Hands events	13	14	15 Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	17	18 NA 11:00 am
19	Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	20	21	22 NA 7:00 pm	23	24	25 NA 11:00 am
26	Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	27	28	29 NA 7:00 pm	30		

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of September

September 5 - Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a - *Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

Psalm 146 - I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 - *Faith without works is dead*

Mark 7:24-37 - *Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

September 12 - Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a - *The servant is vindicated by God*

Psalm 116:1-9 - I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

James 3:1-12 - *Dangers of the unbridled tongue*

Mark 8:27-38 - *Peter's confession of faith*

Prayer of the Day: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

September 19 - Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 - *The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter*

Psalm 54 - God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a - *The wisdom from above*

Mark 9:30-37 - *Prediction of the passion*

Prayer of the Day: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

September 26 - Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 - *The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders*

Psalm 19:7-14 - The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

James 5:13-20 - *Prayer and anointing in the community*

Mark 9:38-50 - *Warnings to those who obstruct faith*

Prayer of the Day: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center 8th Annual Recovery Walk & Grand Opening Ceremony

Saturday September 11th, 2021

Ceremony at 9 am with Walk to follow

**Please register via our website
sanduskyartisansrecovery.com**

FREE t-shirts to the first 300 people to register!

In order to guarantee the correct size we must have your registration by August 13, 2021

SARCC will be open after the walk from 1 - 4 pm for those who would like a tour of our newly renovated Recovery Community Center



**138 E MARKET ST
SANDUSKY, OH 44870
419-621-9377**

Come and get your "WHY" signs!
I walk for recovery because___
I walk to support recovery because___

"WHY" signs can be picked up at
Sandusky Artisans Recovery
Community Center
Mon - Fri 10 am to 4 pm

Post your "WHY" sign pictures on
social media with #sarccrecovery

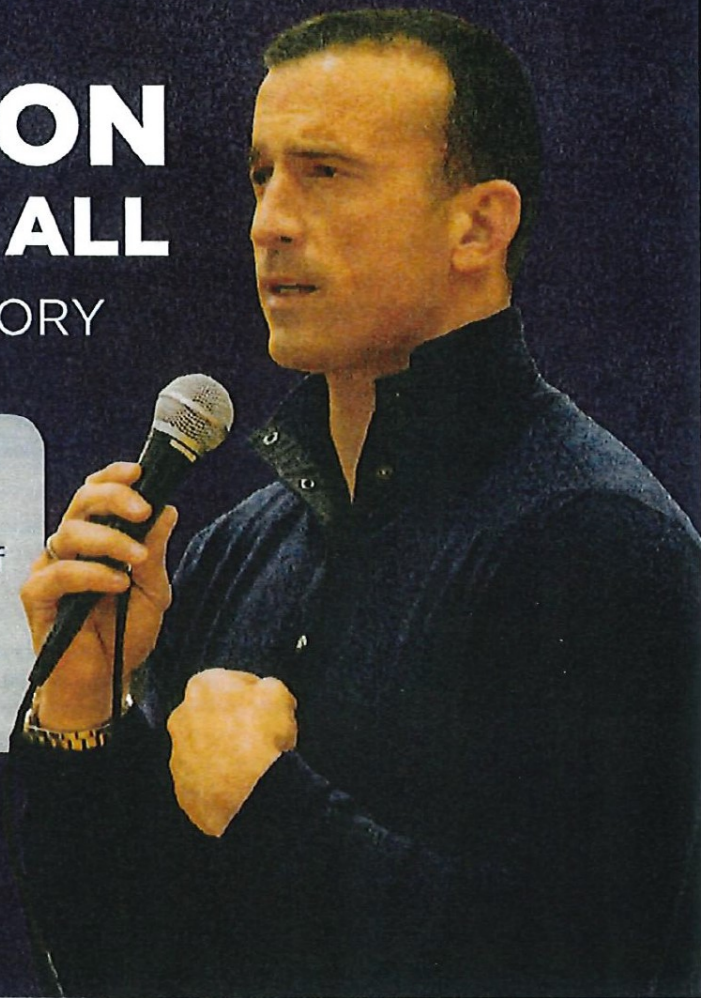
**SHOW OUR COMMUNITY THAT RECOVERY WORKS AND THAT OUR
COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND BELIEVES IN RECOVERY.
NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US.**



PREVENTION STARTS WITH ALL

THE CHRIS HERREN STORY

Please join us for an inspiring presentation, as Chris shares his journey navigating the disease of addiction, the road to recovery and his mission to reach just one person and make a difference.



DATE:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

TIME:

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 PM
PROGRAMS STARTS @ 7:00 PM
Come early to check out your local resources

LOCATION:

TEN FIFTY EIGHT EVENT CENTER
1058 Cleveland Rd.
Sandusky, OH 44870

** Pick-up and drop-off stops are available on the Orange & Blue Sandusky Transit Bus Lines. Please consult a transit map for refernces and times.

ABOUT CHRIS HERREN

Chris Herren, a basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts, was an All-American, broke scoring records and was recruited by the nation's top colleges. Herren realized his lifelong dream of playing in the NBA when he was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in 1999 and then traded to his hometown team, the Boston Celtics, before losing his career and almost his family to the disease of addiction.

A person in long term recovery, Chris inspires people to start the conversation on wellness and educate themselves on the disease of addiction. It is his hope that strength will be found in the struggle and communities will come TOGETHER to address the issue of substance use disorder, advocate for effective treatment and embrace the power of recovery.

Learn more @ www.herrentalks.com



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MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CLEAN UP

****Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill & Venice Cemeteries****



*All floral arrangements will be removed on
October 1st, including those on top of
monuments.*

*Winter flowers may be placed after November 1st. However,
only two florals and/or personal items per plot are allowed
unless they are placed on the foundation and they're off the
ground. More than two items on the ground are at risk to be
removed by the Cemetery Department.*



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for Ovarian Cancer*

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The better the prognosis**

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