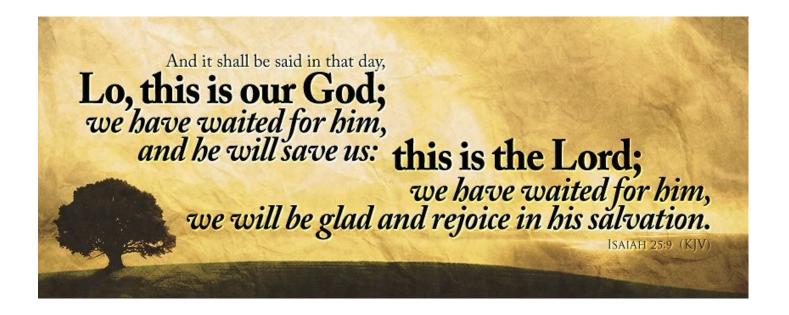


# Trinity Times

November 2021

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#### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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I cannot believe it is November already! My mind is already racing toward holiday preparations — who is coming — who is going — and maybe we'll just stay at home again this year! Thankfully, the church year helps us to at least pause and focus on the One we wait for during our seasonal preparations.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints Day, a time when we rejoice and are glad in the salvation we have as Believers, that those who die in faith still live in Christ. And then as the month progresses, we will hear of the widow of Zarephath, a story of famine in our current season of harvesting and Thanksgiving. How can it be that in a country over-stuffed with food, millions still go hungry? Yes, it is so easy for us to forget that all we have and all we are is a gift to us from God. So I wonder, if it is not your tradition, maybe during this season, you might offer a prayer before eating your meal. The prayer can be simple, even as simple as *Amen* (which means, thank you). Yes, a simple prayer to remind us that all that we have, all that we eat, is given to us from God. Our family dinner prayer is:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, may all we have and do be blessed. Amen.

But as you know, we receive so much more than just food. Everything we have, everything that has been done for us by Christ is a gift. Okay, maybe you might want to add a couple more prayers to your day to offer thanks! So how about Martin Luther's evening and morning prayers. His prayers cause us to remember, as we begin and end each day, that all we have is given to us by God's grace. In each of these prayers, Luther helps to remind us of all that God has done for us through Jesus. Take a moment and pray Luther's morning pray.

#### **Luther's Morning Prayer:**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Amen.

#### **Luther's Evening Prayer:**

I thank you heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected me, and I beg you to forgive me all my sins and the wrong which I have done, and by your great mercy to protect me from all the perils and dangers of this coming night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy Angel be with me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's evening prayer is my favorite. Both *prayers* remind me that my entire day and night rests in the hands of Christ and for that I give thanks. In Luther's evening prayer, I am reminded that only in God will I be kept safe as we all wait for the coming of the child. And that reminds me – the last Sunday of this month then moves us into Advent!

May this month be one of prayers as we all offer our thanks for the bounty we find on our tables and may we be moved to share with those not as fortunate.

Pastor Cathy

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# OUTH AND FAMILY with SALLY WARNER, Trinity's Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator



I would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to Mr. Roy Patterson for stepping up to the plate and teaching our Confirmation class when Pastor Cathy couldn't be there. I knew with his knowledge of the bible and his personal experience, he would be the best person for this job. Awhile back, Roy taught this same class for us and I'm so glad he didn't give up

when asked to do it again. I truly appreciate everything he has done to help get these kids ready for their Confirmation Day. THANK YOU ROY!

Our other 3 teachers who have been doing a great job with teaching Sunday school for us are

Carrie Killingsworth, Jill Conner, and Shelby Koch. We are doing a one room Sunday school and it seems to be working out really well. And if you get the chance to go downstairs to the Sunday school area, you'll see a project that our kids have been working on. We have taken a tile square, added a Christmas/winter picture to it and each week we are adding a coat of Mod Podge to it. After we have enough coats on them, we'll add a piece of felt on the back and then each child will get to pick their favorite to keep, we are going to sell some for gifts, and the rest we are going to take to the nursing home for the residents for Christmas.





On Sunday, November 21, during the Sunday school hour, our kids will be involved in some Thanksgiving fun. We'll start by making a Thanksgiving craft, do a couple Thanksgiving games, and then end the morning with a Turkey Trot! So, if you see some kids running around the church or inside if the weather is bad, that'll be our Sunday school kids trotting like a Turkey!

Our annual Sunday school Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 pm. "The Lights of Christmas" will be held in a barn this year. As we work on this event and more information becomes available, we'll let you know.





UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER! Start looking for the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find OR make up one on your own. We're asking you to wear those sweaters on Sunday, December 19. No prizes, just a little thing to do as we hopefully can still be worshiping together! Please keep these sweaters nice, no dirty sayings or pictures, and let's just be happy to do something different during the Holiday season together!

A slight change to our Sock & Mitten Tree this year. Care and Share and Crossroads have a good supply of hats and mittens for the season so this year we are asking for <u>Seats and Feets</u>, (<u>underwear and socks</u>). If you already have hats and mittens then please feel free to bring them in. Watch for the tree in the back of the sanctuary







#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Our ELCA Good Gifts Tree will be back again this year also. This is our annual wider church mission support event.



#### Thankoffering Boxes

#### Will be available soon

you will be able to pick them up in the church sanctuary or call the church office and Carol will mail one out to you or meet you at the church door.

Make a daily contribution Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Eve

Return on Christmas Eve

Donations support Trinity's Community Mission Fund





Trinity is looking to phase out our monthly MAILED newsletter by the first of 2022. With postage prices going up along with other supply costs it doesn't seem very cost effective. We are encouraging members to find the newsletter on our new updated website trinityelca.com under the news tab. If you would like to receive a copy via email please let the church office know by emailing Carol at trinityelca@bex.net she will send you one each month. There will be several paper copies available at the church for you to pick up on Sunday mornings if you would like to do that. If you are unable to access the newsletter by any of these means please call the church office at 419-626-0204 and let Carol know that you still need a mailed copy and she will send one out.

This change is a big one for us and we are giving it a try. If we find this just doesn't work we will consider going back to mailing everyone's.





Trinity's MSP has been updated per Henry Seibert's request, approved by the synod, and reposted on the ELCA website.

Please continue to pray for our new pastor to find his way here.

# Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for November 17, 2021

Turkey/Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Turkey Gravy
Sweet Potato Casserole
Corn and Lima Beans
Carrot Salad
Rolls
Pumpkin Pie/Topping

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 September 30, 2021

Monday, Octo	ober 25, 2021	Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	36,058.96
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	104,775.67
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,853.89
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	56,659.59
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,708.59
	Total Assets	\$267,235.44
Fund Balance	es ·	
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	29,131.80
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	4,134.08
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	31,112.78
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	108,629.56
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,859.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,708.59
	Total Designated Giving Fund Balance	\$177,309.97
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	56,659.59
	Total Fund Balances	\$267,235.44
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$267,235.44</u>



### COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - October 21, 2021 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft. Opening devotions were given by Bonnie Lieb

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

Treasurer's report for August was reviewed. Jim stated that two of the Mission CD's renewals came due between council meetings so one he renewed for a two year term and one was renewed for a one year term. Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie was asked by Henry Seibert of the Synod to make some clarifications to Trinity's MSP. She was instructed not to take it to the call committee for time reasons. Carrie reviewed the changes that she made, and the Synod has approved and new changes and have updated Trinity's post. Candy made a motion to accept the proposed agenda for the congregational meeting with the addition of a request for volunteers to do the 2021 Financial Audit in February of 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed. Mike made a motion to accept the council chair ballot for the congregational meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph stated that last Sunday's service was supposed to be videoed live but unfortunately the computer did not want to work. Cathy Wobser will try again this Sunday. Pastor Ralph and Pastor Cathy thought it would be good for Trinity to have a pastor in the office a few hours each week. Pastor Ralph will do this on Monday and Wednesdays for a couple hours each morning, pending any personal priorities. Mike made a motion to accept this proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion passed.

Mission Service – Judy will be getting with Sally on a project for the Luther Home of Mercy for the holiday season. The pork and kraut dinner is on and will be drive thru only.

Property – Mike Markley – A big thank you to Ron VanZandt who bricked up the old chimney cleanout hole and did not charge the church. Hobbs said the door closures are in they just need to schedule when to come do them. The new educational wing doors are all in but a latch. Once that is in, they will schedule the replacement of those doors. Mike will schedule Gundlach to come check the boiler and radiators for the winter season. Mike spoke with Gardner Insurance on how they prefer to have items that are inventoried for our insurance records. They prefer video or pictures of the items with a description of how many.

Worship and Music – On October 31 at 10:30 service Trinity will have four youth making their Confirmation: Eli Conner, Natalie Thompson, Erica Miller, Lila Warner. Pastor Cathy is looking into doing some sort of service/devotional/meal during the mid-week advent season. The ELCA Good Gifts tree will be done again with Jim's help. December 12 is scheduled for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Council decided that there will be no Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

Old Business – Judy made a motion to accept the 12 months for \$180 proposal from Mark Adverting for our website support. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Motion passed. The 2021 Financial Audit was reviewed. Barb passed out the guidelines for the records retention policy. She has everything done to current. Barb stated that she had started on the inventory for the church. However, her stickers were not staying very well and was looking for council's approval to order actual inventory stickers. This brought on a discussion of how Trinity should do inventory. It was felt that it needed to be videoed or pictures taken and not such a detailed inventory be done. With this change Barb said she would not continue on with doing the inventory.

New Business – On 9/17/2021 State Inspectors were in for an unscheduled elevator inspection. We passed. Trinity will continue to pay supply organists out of its budget. If Adele is off for more then two weeks, then Council will revisit this. Carol asked about the rational of mailing out monthly newsletter. It was decided to put an announcement in the bulletin and the remaining 2021 newsletters that we would be phasing out the mailed copies. The newsletter can be emailed out to those who would like, or it can be looked at on our updated website. There will be some paper copies available for pick up at the church. There will still be a need to mail some, and those people will need to let the church know who they are. There will be no cardboard city this year for the youth. The kids are doing a Hungry Meal project. Sally asked if she could use some of the VBS funds to purchase some shrink wrap bags to put blankets in. These would be given to the police and fire departments to use as needed for those in need. Jim made a motion that she could purchase roughly a dozen bags. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed.





Trinity's council has decided not to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary this year. We understand it has been a difficult past couple of years for all families. So we ask that if you chose make t o donations this year in the spirit of the season that you direct your

support towards one of the many other mission projects that Trinity will have available for the holiday season. Thank you for your generous support of this activity over the years.



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

#### NOVEMBER 14, 2021

BETWEEN SERVICES, 9:30-10:00 am, IN THE SANCTUARY.



In order to help Trinity continue to be a stable congregation it was approved from council that one of our interim pastors be present at the church during the week. Pastor Ralph will be doing this service. He will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays each week for a couple hours in the morning. If you would like to see him we ask that you call the church office before coming to be sure he is here and did not have an obligation elsewhere.



There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Attendance has dropped off over the years and with the spreading of germs still a concern it was determined not to have the services. Please have a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving weekend.



#### **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.

#### **NOVEMBER MILESTONES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Marsh Schenk
- 2 Sandra Ramon
- 3 Thomas Jenkins Emma Manley Sally Warner
- 4 Jody Cooper Claire Conner Kimberly Wright
- 5 Zane Warner
- 6 Natalie Thompson
- 7 Shelby Koch Landon Palmison
- 8 Becky Barnes Kyleigh Hemmer Kathy Bango
- 10 Jenna Stierhoff
- 11 Larry Strack Robert Gray Brodie Dauch
- 12 Michael Lieb Krissy Gray
- 13 Deseray Huff



- 14 Holly Miller
- 15 Betsy Stierhoff
- 16 Bernard Neidler Jade Stierhoff
- 17 Tom Oddo
- 20 Kathy Barnes
- 21 Daniel Strayer
- 22 Brynn Miller Bob Zeno
- 25 Jeff Hirt
- 26 Cynthia Canter
- 27 Susanne Lemert Jerry Claus
- 28 Millie McCready
- 30 Gabrielle Heilmann



- 3 Donald & Kathy Parker 48th Matthew & Jennifer Lesch - 20th
- 8 Kenneth & Deborah Pfann 13th
- 13 Wesley & Betty Miller 56th
- 14 Jeffrey & Jessica Hirt 12th
- 16 Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft 47th
- 18 Gary & Bonnie Lieb 54th
- 20 Allen & Kathleen Miller 40th
- 22 Kent & Janis Miller 24th
- 28 David & Cathy Wobser 46th

Harold & Adele Hoffman, Chuck & Sandy Paseka, Mike

Memorial

Giving

& Maree Markley, Jim Bertsch, Ken &

Marsha Schenk, Jean Cline, Viola Liptok, Ruth Sieb, Nancy Sessler,

Douglas & Venessa Zeller, Dave & Bev

Mix, Thomas & Sharon Keimer,

Rosemarie & Cindy Canter, The

Bristol Family, Judy Welser, Ken & Shelly Koelsch, Alice & Mike Hodgson, Pattie Wilson,

Steve & Holly Miller, Karl & Jane Lehrer, David & Linda Gysan, Terry & Marion Perkins, Bernie & MaryAnn Neidler, Margaretta Township: Joe Bias, Gary Pooch, Tim Riesterer, Bob Day; The Daniel Baum Family, Michael & Joanne Shelley, Jeannie & John Leimeister in

memory of Dorothy Miller

Tom & Peggy Kingsborough in celebration of Nancy Sessler's 90th Birthday

Dorothy Miller in memory of Dorothy Peters



We're so grateful to all who kept us in their prayers and supported us in so many ways the last couple months. Mom cherished our faith family at Trinity, and you all brought her such great joy. For all of that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Dorothy Miller



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

- Ron Van Zandt for bricking up the chimney cleanout hole at no charge to Trinity.
- Jim Bertsch for doing the Meals to Crossroads and for sharing his veggies from his garden with the congregation.



# NOVEMBER 2021

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Pr Ralph in Office Worship & Music
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Pr Ralph in the office AM
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NA 7:00 pm
Pr Ralph in the office AM
NA 7:00 pm

#### Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of November

#### November 7 - All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9 - The banquet of the LORD

**Psalm 24** - They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

Revelation 21:1-6a - A new heaven and a new earth

John 11:32-44 - The raising of Lazarus

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### November 14 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

<u>Daniel 12:1-3</u> - The deliverance of God's people at the end

Psalm 16 - My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 - The way to God opened through Christ's death

Mark 13:1-8 - The end and the coming of the Son

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

<u>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</u> - The one coming with the clouds rules over all

<u>Psalm 93</u> - Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Revelation 1:4b-8 - Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

John 18:33-37 - The kingdom of Christ

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 33:14-16 - A righteous branch springing up from David

**Psalm 25:1-10** - To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (*Ps. 25:1*)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 - Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord

Luke 21:25-36 - Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# Novemberfest!

Ja, wohl! Es ist Trinity Lutheran's Annual

# Pork und Sauerkraut Dinner

Carry-outs anly

Carry-outs only

Sunday, November 7

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky Donations Only - Carry-outs Only

All Donations Support Trinity's Community Mission Fund

Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:00 p.m. until sold out

(Use Water Street entrance across from Post Office) Drive thru service only • \$10 meal

Slow cooked roast beef,

home cooked mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert



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presents

## Seipp/Sheets Duo

Trumpet • Organ & Piano



Randall Sheets is the Ceremonial Organist for Arlington National Cemetery, as well as an active concert organist, pianist, and choral conductor.

Chuck Seipp is retired trumpeter from The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own" in Washington, D.C.

The Seipp/Sheets Duo program will feature several works written and arranged for them with unique performance enhancements through video presentations to most of their selections. The concert will include Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor", a moving Responder's Tribute with "What a Wonderful World", "Bohemian Rhapsody", and several patriotic pieces with video tributes to our Veterans. Particular fun for the audience will be "Carnival of Venice" with Seipp performing on six different trumpets and the entertaining silent movie, "A Trip to The Moon".



Tuesday, November 9, 2021 · 7:30 pm Grace Episcopal Church

315 Wayne Street · Sandusky, Ohio
This is a free concert · Donations will be accepted
Seating Limited · Masks Required



I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt BOUNTIFULLY, Psalm 13:6