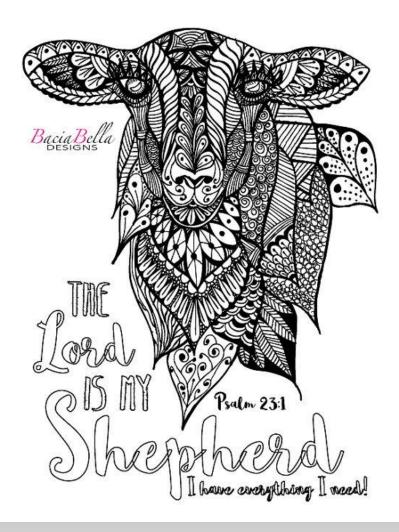
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.



⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Today as we continue to navigate the Pandemic (we pray that we are finally coming to a point where it is more manageable) and upheaval in our daily lives, many of us could use a little break. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just have 5 minutes to help us catch our breath! Maybe then we could take time to center ourselves with more patience or even let go of our anxiety. So tell me, how are you finding space to just sit with God? I know that very question may have you saying, and now the pastor is adding one more thing! But sometimes, just sitting and spending time with God seems to fill us so we can go back into the world with a different outlook. Ann Lamott writes: I hardly know what to feel most days except grief and bug-eyed paranoia. But my faith tells me that God has skills, ploys, and grace adequate to bring light into the present darkness. So, take a deep breath. It's the first step to making space for the Holy Spirit to fill you up.

The season of Lent is now upon us. During the season of Lent, we invite you to spend some time in prayer, and simply taking a few moments out of your day to breathe and be renewed. The focus for our Mid-week Lenten services this year will be on Psalm 23. Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved verses of scripture in the Bible. By looking at the Psalm daily, you will find yourself memorizing these verses so that you can draw from them in your hopes, dreams, fears, and longings. Indeed, our God is shepherding us today and every day. May you hold fast to the testimony of the Psalmist, who knew something about finding the strength to keep going - even in the midst of all that surrounds us - in daily life. *God anoints my head with oil, my cup overflows* (Psalm 23:5).

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

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YOUTH AND FAMILY with SALLY WARNER, TRINITY'S YOUT and Family Ministries Coordinator

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A huge thanks goes out to all who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring Soup and Subs sale. This year we made \$412.00 that will be split between Victory Kitchen and Project Share. Also, a great big Thank You goes out to the kids and parents who came to help make the subs and put the orders together; Angie and Trevor Ramsdell; Rock, Jessica, Topanga, and Mariska Farlow; Jill and Eli Conner; Paul Warner; Tim Thompson; Tiffany Fisher and Mason Russel and to Peggy Kingsborough for getting the carryout bags. They all worked together to do God's Work with Our Hands to help others in our area when in need.





The cans of soup that have been collected during the month of February will be packed up on Sunday, March 6 during the Sunday school hour by our Sunday school kids. Thank you to all who donated the soup which will be packed with a bowl, some crackers, and a prayer card in a bag and then be delivered to Grace's Table in Castalia to give a warm meal to those who come through their food pantry. There will be a report as to how many we packed up in the April newsletter.

Lent is upon us and as we know, many of those who were affected by the tornados in the south still don't have places to worship or even live. With your help, during Lent, we are going to continue to collect money which will go to the Lutheran Disaster Response to help these people out. Our Sunday school kids will be given a church bank to collect change in and there will be extra banks for you to take home and collect your change in too. And, if we run out of the banks, there is a cardboard house in the front of the sanctuary that you can put your change or dollar bills in during Lent also. Again, "Gods Work, Our Hands" doing simple things to help others in need.





On Sunday, March 13, we will celebrate one of many milestones with our youngest Sunday school kids with the presentation of Prayer Pillows at both worship services. These pillows offer 3

prayer cards in them to help parents teach and

help their child to pray. As always, these parents need our support for them as they raise their children in the faith of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.





Lent is just around the corner! On Wednesday March 2nd, we will gather for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. which will begin our forty-day journey toward Easter. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross marked on our foreheads at baptism. The following Wednesdays (until Holy Week) we will look at the attributes that we have been abundantly given through God's grace. We gather via zoom or in person for devotions at 7:00 p.m. Our theme this year will be: *Turning toward God's Abundance*. We will focus on five attributes within our time together on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to having you join us.

March 2 – Ash Wednesday – Service of Ashes

March 9 – Faithfulness

March 16 - Mercy

March 23 - Compassion

March 30 - Forgiveness

April 6 - Love



Please note that the west sanctuary doors will be locked for the Wednesday midweek Lenten evening services. Please use the south end office hallway doors or the back elevator door.



WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES

Church will be closed if it is a Level 3 snow advisory for Erie County. Please check the office answering machine message for updates. The west sanctuary doors and educational wing doors will not be unlocked, and the sidewalks will not be shoveled. Please use the south and east doors for entry.



Don't forget "Spring Ahead" one hour on the evening of March 12 for Daylight Savings
Time.





It has been reported that the Call Committee does have a candidate to interview.

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2022

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TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - February 24, 2022 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Millie McCready, Betsy Stierhoff

Meeting called to order by President, Carrie Wiedenheft. Opening devotions were given by Nancy Vollmer

Minutes of previous meeting (January 2022) were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for January 2022 was reviewed. The first half of the Community Mission fund checks were mailed out. Trinity is waiting on a donation gift from Charles Wiedenheft's estate. It should be here soon. Trinity's water/sewer bill was still high this last month. We will wait one more month to see if it comes back down. Trinity will be refunded if there was an over estimated charge. Nancy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie talked with Guy Miller and the Call Committee. They do have someone to interview for the pastor position.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph asked that the Worship and Music Committee talk about the pros and cons of going to communion every Sunday.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft has volunteered to cover this council chair for the current year to finish out Barb Wobser's last year. The Souper Bowl of Caring Soup and Sub sale made \$412.00 that will get split between Victory Kitchen and Project Share. Kids will be packing the donated soup cans with a bowl, some crackers, and a prayer card in a bag on Sunday, February 27. These will be delivered to Grace's Table. There will also be Pancake races and breakfast for the Sunday School kids to kick off Lent. During Lent the kids (and adults) will receive a church bank to collect change in. If we run out of banks there will be a cardboard house in front of the sanctuary that change can be put in. These funds will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Fund for the tornado victims in the south. March 13 the kids will be singing during early service and the presentation of Prayer Pillows will be done at both services.

Property – Carol reported that there are voles in the front yard of the church. Just a concern that may need to be looked at this spring.

Stewardship and Finance – The financial audit was done on February 19 by Linda Gantz, Dave Wobser, Greg Norman, Jim Bertsch, and Shannon Limberios. Things look good. Linda is writing up a report.

Witness and Welcome – Millie is having some health issues, so Candy Beatty volunteered to be council's liaison to the Call Committee if needed.

Worship and Music – Carol will mail out the usher schedule to usher as it seems some are unaware of when they are scheduled. Ash Wednesday service is March 2 at 7:00 pm. Psalm 23 will be discussed through out the midweek services. Nancy made a motion that we go back to full communion service (currently it is a shortened version) at the beginning of March. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Setting 3 will be used until Easter. Guy is looking into setting up a memory verse for each week/month. Nancy asked that the Congregational Life and Mission Service team chairs get together and see if they can find some ways to encourage members to come back and invite new to join. There next meeting will be May 3.

Old Business – Sally working on writing up inventory notes. Carol still needs to finish typing up financial guidelines, but they did do the audit with the old marked up copy.

New Business – Nancy made a motion that we go ahead and do Easter flowers for the sanctuary this year. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed. Lenten letter was reviewed, and a couple additions will be made. Council will ask around and see if members are ready to go back to continuance flow with the pastor passing out communion. Council will decide on that at the March meeting.





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

MARCH 13, 2022

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



The Ladies of the Eastern Conference will be meeting on April 30, 2022, for the Spring Gathering. Please consider joining in as it will be held at Zion, Sandusky from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The theme is "Praying with Body and Soul". The theme verse is Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." The meeting is open to all and you do not need to be a member of a circle or a women's group.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter

Meal

for March 16, 2022

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Jell-O
Garden Salad
Italian Bread
Brownies

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.



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 12/8/2021)

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

Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 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

Paul Wiedenheft 4216 Homegardner Rd., Sandusky OH 44870 Oct. 11

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.

MARCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- Bryce Cullen
- 2 William Bertsch
- Judith Howard Rvan Wiedenheft
- Richard Miller Justin Stierhoff
- Cynthia Norman
- Arlayne Mischler Tyler Wiedenheft
- Tracy Carrozzino
- 8 Carter Jones
- Steve Miller Jeff Neill Ryan Troike
- 10 Paige Brogle Elise Kleinoeder Jason Overmyer David Wiedenheft
- 14 Barbara Sessler Cordell Gerber Tim Markley
- 15 Taylor Weyer Kate Didion
- 16 Todd Schwochow
- 17 Robin Dwight Paul Warner Sean Cullen
- 18 Corv Paseka Mason Hermes Robin Thrash



- 19 Emily Tordi Gavin Moore Sue Claus Jerzie Bohn John Harris
- 21 Dominic Carrozzino Scott Ramon
- 22 Joseph Sessler
- 24 Joshua Johnson
- 25 Mason Miller Miah Miller Holly Harris
- 26 Wesley Miller Owen Wright Jean Cline Bastian Hipp
- 28 Eli Conner
- 29 Roland Wriker Joanna Hemmer **Braxton Miller** John Huff
- 31 Denise Stallard Sloane Brogle



In Our

Thoughts

and Prayers

Patty Swartz in memory of Roger Troike

Patty Swartz, Alinor Stephens in memory of Phyllis Nuber

Naomi Conley in memory of Ron Wriker

Jim Bertsch, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Cindy Norman, Greg Norman, Linda Gantz, Patty Swartz, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Wes & Betty Miller in memory of Judith Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn & Sharon Pfann - 48th

Greg & Denise Stallard - 26th 10 Don & Cindy Bowers - 33rd

22 Barry & Karen Gill - 31st

24 Kevin & Robin Dwight - 32nd

Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of Cut & Dorothy Miller

Dave & Cathy Wobser, Dave & Sally Warner in honor of Bob & Alice Bertsch's 75th Wedding Anniversary

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials, and sympathy for wishes the passing of my



mom Judy Miller. With your love and support I have been able to get through this process with a much needed peace. With Love, Carol Dahs and family

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

- Jim Bertsch, Anna Dunn, Bob & Alice Bertsch for their continued mission of making a monthly meal for the Crossroads Homeless Shelter.
- Cyclone Service for their continued trash removal service.

St. Patrick's Day

- The Sunday School teachers for their dedication to serving the kids even though the numbers have are low.
- To Sally Warner for her years of paid service as our Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator and to her for volunteering to keep doing this position as an unpaid love for the kids.



Linda Gantz, Greg Norman, Dave Wobser, Jim Bertsch and Shannon Limberios for doing the 2021 Financial Audit.



MARCH 2022

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			Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm			NA 11:00 all
			NA 7:00 pm			
6 First Sunday of Lent	7	8	6	10	11	12
Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	Pr Ralph in the office		Pr Ralph in office			NA 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:00 am	AM		Lenten Service 7 pm			
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Second Sunday of Lent	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Sunday School Jam Session 9:00 am			Lenten Service 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	Council Mtg 7:00 pm		
Third Sunday of Lent	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27 Fourth Sunday of Lent	28	29	30	31		
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	Pr Ralph in the office AM		Pr Ralph in office			
			Lenten Service 7 pm			
			NA 7:00 pm			

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of March

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 - Return to the LORD, your God

Psalm 51:1-17 - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10 - Now is the day of salvation

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 - The practice of faith

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 6 - First Sunday of Lent

<u>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</u> - The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 - God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

Romans 10:8b-13 - If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved

<u>Luke 4:1-13</u> - The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 - The covenant with Abram and his descendants

<u>Psalm 27</u> - In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior

<u>Luke 13:31-35</u> - I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood

Prayer of the Day: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent

<u>Isaiah 55:1-9</u> - Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD

Psalm 63:1-8 - O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 - Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians

Luke 13:1-9 - Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 - Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land

Psalm 32 - Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

<u>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</u> - The mystery and ministry of reconciliation

<u>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</u> - The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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of Margaretta Township



Annual SPAGHETTI BENEFIT

Free Will Offering

Grace Lutheran Church Saturday, March 5th 4:30 pm til sold out

Drive-Thru Pickup in Back of Church



Menu:

Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad, Breadstick, and Dessert

Project Share of Margaretta
Township is a 501(c)(3)
organization who annually
provides gifts, clothing, and food
for families of Margaretta School
District who share a need.

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

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MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP

Including Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill & Venice Cemeteries

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

All floral arrangements will be removed on March 15^{th,} including those on top of the monuments. Spring flowers may be placed the weekend before Easter.





Open to anyone in the community

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



Date: Wednesday, March 9th

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

(or until sold out)

How: Free Drive-thru pickup in the

back of church

MENU:

BBQ PORK SANDWICH,

BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW,

AND DESSERT

Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery

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