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Do we really listen to
one another?



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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How do we connect with people?

As members of Trinity, how do we relate with one another?

Some of the things I have been reading lately have been asking that question. Do we not only talk to one another, but do we listen to one another? It is easy to tell one another what we think, what we are going through, what we are planning to do. But do we listen, I mean really listen to what others are saying? Recently, Pat and I were at a dinner with some fellow clergy couples. It was interesting to see that while we all had things to tell one another, one person kept interrupting and giving their interpretation of what was being said, or jumping in with their own story, sometimes without even letting the other person finish their story. That person was listening, but not listening.

One of the ways we come together as a congregation is if we really take the time to listen to one another. When someone is talking, it is easy for me to think about how that sounds like something I have experienced, and I want to put that into the conversation before the other person is finished telling their story. This kind of thing does not necessarily encourage coming together as the people of God. We need to take the time to actually listen to one another. Try to understand what they are saying, what they are going through, how they are feeling.

In a way, the same holds true for our relationship with God. In our prayers, in our thinking, we are always telling God what we want, how we think things should go. But do we ever take the time to sit quietly, try to get our needs out of mind, and listen to what God might be trying to tell us? Conversations with God are not a one way street. When in prayer, we need to sit quietly and listen to what He is saying. This is difficult, because there are so many things running through our minds.

This might be especially true as we continue our search for a new pastor. We might think we know what we need in a new pastor, but are we listening to what plans God might have for us? As the Call Committee interviews candidates, are they really listening to the thoughts and ideas of the candidate, or are they listening only to what they want to hear?

So as we relate to one another, to those new people attending our worship, to God, let us take the time to truly listen to what the other person is saying.

Pastor Ralph

YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY

INTERIM PASTORS -

The Rev. Ralph Schibler

The Rev. Catherine Schibler

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

Carol Dahs

MUSICIAN: Adele Hoffman

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

COORDINATOR:

Sally Warner - 419 684-7850

CUSTODIANS:

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

PRESIDENT: Carrie Wiedenheft

TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

OFFICE PHONE: 419 626-0204

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am to 1 pm, M-F



IT IS TIME TO START COLLECTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS.

There is a great need to build back these kits that are urgently in demand. The kit contains the following items:

- * One light weight bath size towel (52" x 27"), dark colors are recommended.
- * Two or three bars of soap that equal 8 to 9 oz in original wrapping.
- * One adult size toothbrush in the original packaging.
- * One sturdy comb

(You can get all of this at Dollar Stores for good prices)

The kits will be assembled and packed in boxes on God's Work Our Hands Sunday in September. Our goal is to pack at least 100 kits. Thank you in advance for your help in assisting those in need.

There is a display of the items needed in the office hallway.



**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN. WE
ARE STILL LOOKING TO REACH 100 KITS SO PLEASE
CONTINUE TO DONATE AS YOU CAN.**



The Call Committee continues to wait for viable candidates to submit their interest in Trinity.

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

2500 Pairs of Shoes

August is our official kick off of our mission to collect 2500 pairs of shoes for funds2org.

As we collect shoes we earn .40 cents per pound of shoes. This averages out to approximately 2500 pairs of shoes. Weight is critical so bring on those work boots and tennis shoes.

If we reach our goal we will earn \$1000 which will be donated to LWR to help in Ukraine with their mission need.

Tell your family and friends!

Information on what funds2org does with the shoes is included at the end of the newsletter. Please take the time to read through this and see how your efforts here help those in need.



Mark your calendars!

On September 11 Trinity will be having a Homecoming Celebration.

More information on this will be in your September Newsletter and Facebook.

We will also be assembling our GWOH's Personal Care Kits. Come enjoy this fellowship and see what you've been missing at church.

We've been missing you!

The church office is updating the director listing. If you have updated addresses or phone numbers that you would like the church to have please give Carol a call at **419-626-0204** and let her know.

The new listing is set to be printed on **August 15.**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	60,162.04
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	57,703.02
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	835.00
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	84,708.39
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,878.04
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	261,858.92
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	49,470.95
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,454.15

Total Assets \$521,090.51

Liabilities

2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	527.82
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	126.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	134.88
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	22.59

Total Liabilities \$811.29

Fund Balances

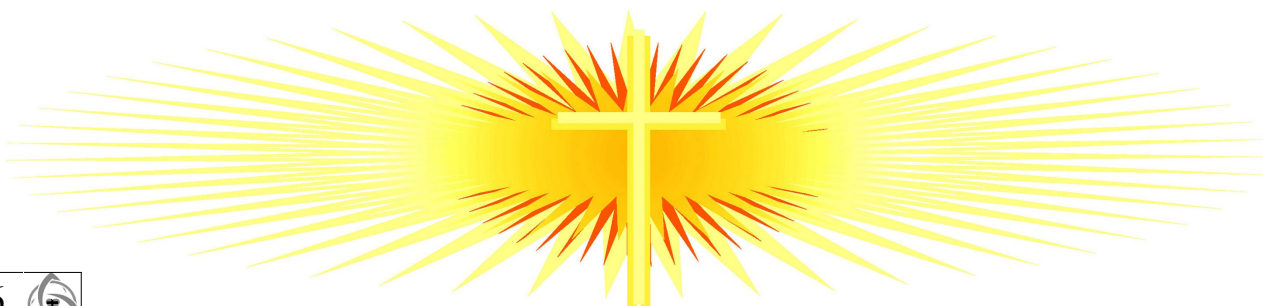
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	43,426.21
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,860.95
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memoral Fund Balance	35,331.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	89,421.43
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,455.04
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,454.15
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	261,858.92

Total Designated Giving Fund Balance \$423,521.11

3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	49,470.95
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Total Fund Balances \$520,279.22

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$521,090.51



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - July 21, 2022 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President – Candy Beatty

Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (June 2022) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes with the correction of Robin Pratt's name under New Business. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for June 2022 was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed.

President's Report: Candy reported that the Call Committee's latest candidate cancelled their second interview, so we are back to waiting for someone to interview. Bishop Daniel postponed his visit due to getting covid.

Congregational Life – Candy's group gave out 29 chocolate bars to the men at church on Father's Day. There were 58 at the bereavement dinner for Dan Griffin. Fellowship time for July 24 will be postponed until Bishop Daniel can come back to visit with us.

Mission Service – Betsy reported that there were approximately 30 people at the Father/Son/Daughter Gathering. Movie night is on for this evening. It will be inside. Betsy and Rose went shopping with the \$250 from Thrivent and got shoes to help with the shoe fundraiser. Betsy and Carol wrote up a letter to Walmart Norwalk to see if they would be willing to donate more shoes or gift cards to help us purchase more. Betsy will drop the letter off soon. Carol needs to clarify the posters about needing 2500 PAIRS of shoes and that we will earn \$1000 for LWR if we meet our quota.

Property – Mike Markley contacted Clearview Tinting on having the bullet proof tint added to the new outside educational doors. Their quote was approved, and we are now on their schedule. Will probably be September before they make it out. Mike Markley has a call into Kreimes about the concrete work approved in 2021. Carol and her dad fixed cigarette butt holder outside the church. Wheelchair push pads will be installed on July 22. Mike has someone coming out to do a quote on washing the windows. The mayflies did a number on them, and they need to be cleaned badly.

Stewardship and Finance – LWR personal care kits are being collected and will be assembled on GWOH day.

Witness and Welcome – Millie tried to visit Dan & Gwen Miller. They were unable currently.

Worship and Music – Nancy reported that the acolyte schedule was sent out. Getting individuals for the second service is still a problem but the adults continue to fill in. Tim Miller will be preaching on July 31 at our Unity service. Pat Wiedenheft was the only one that showed for bell ringer training. On September 11 (GWOH) Sunday it will be a single service with Homecoming activities afterwards. It was suggested that we mail out August's newsletter to everyone including an invite for all to come back to church and join us on Homecoming/GWOH day on September 11.

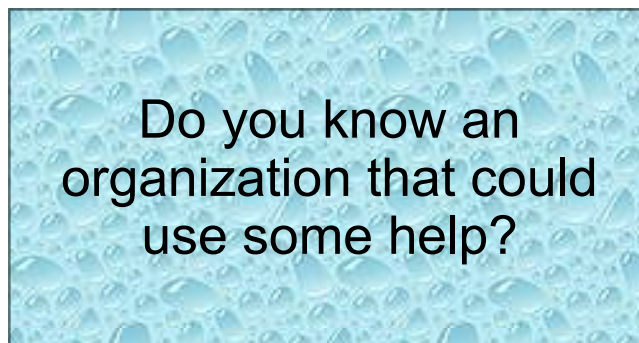
Old Business – Carol still working on the Financial Audit Guidelines. The 2022 record retention is complete.

New Business – Carol is working on a new directory listing. It was suggested that a notice was put in the newsletter to see if anyone gives any updates before printing off the directory.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer

Devotion leader for the next meeting is Betsy Stierhoff

Adjournment made by Millie, 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



**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

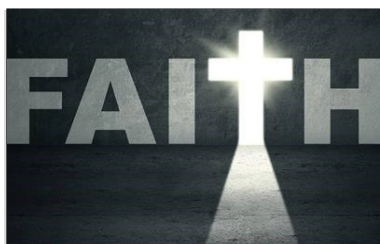
JAM!

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

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

AUGUST 14, 2022
BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.





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 5/15/2022)

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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Ruth Sieb Apt #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.



AUGUST MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Don Bowers | |
| 2 Karen Gill | |
| 4 Calli-Elizabeth Hemmer-Keller | |
| Hannah Baum | |
| 7 Mary Meyer | 21 Sheryl Miller |
| 9 Ayden Miller | Brian Schenk |
| Jager Hacker | Jaxson Bohn |
| Amanda House | Glenn Pfann |
| Jody Eckler | Angie Ramsdell |
| 12 Jack McGinnis | Gary Lieb |
| Marshall Fall | Craig Orshoski |
| Matthew Miller | 23 Casey Wilson |
| 13 Deanna Thompson | Aubree Ream |
| 15 John Ashby | 25 Larry Wiedenheft |
| Sarah Strayer | Briana Casanova |
| 16 Charlene Zeno | 26 Dominic Tordi |
| Cynthia Griffin | 29 Dale Meyer |
| Zoe Koch | Austin Stierhoff |
| 19 Rev. Dane Meuschke | Grace Kleinoeder |
| 20 Diana Troike | 31 Ben Troike |
| Joshua Trout | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Guy & Laura Miller - 28th
 8 Cory & Michelle Orshoski - 30th
 12 Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft - 55th
 18 Michael & Susan Cullen - 49th
 19 Charles & Amanda House - 16th
 20 Andrew & Kimberly Wright - 16th
 23 Charles & Judith Howard - 53rd
 24 Donald & Alice Kuns - 54th
 24 John & Beth Ashby - 26th
 27 Tim & Gayle Thompson - 28th



Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Chuck & Sandy Paseka in memory of Daniel Griffin



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for August 17, 2022

**Chicken & Gravy over
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans/Corn
Salad
Whipped Jell-o/Fruit
Rolls/Butter**

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.

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Pr. Ralph in the office AM	2	3 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm	4	5	6 NA 11:00
7 Ninth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am	8 Pr Ralph in the office AM	9	10 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm	11	12	13 NA 11:00 am
14 Tenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am	15 Pr Ralph in the office AM New Directory Will be Printed	16	17 Pr Ralph in office Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	18 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	19 Carol on Vac - Office closed	20 NA 11:00 am
21 Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am	22 Pr Ralph in the office AM	23	24 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm	25	26	27 NA 11:00 am
28 Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am	29 Pr Ralph in the office AM	30	31 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm			

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of August

August 7 - Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 - *God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai*

Psalm 33:12-22 - Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 - *A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God*

Luke 12:32-40 - *God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

August 14 - Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29 - *God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks*

Psalm 82 - Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Hebrews 11:29--12:2 - *The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses*

Luke 12:49-56 - *Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized*

Prayer of the Day: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

August 21 - Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 - *Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry*

Psalm 103:1-8 - The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Hebrews 12:18-29 - *You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus*

Luke 13:10-17 - *Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned*

Prayer of the Day: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

August 28 - Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7 - *Do not put yourself forward*

Psalm 112 - The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 - *God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 - *An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Where Do the Shoes Go?

When you do a shoe drive fundraiser, not only do you raise money for your cause, you also help micro-entrepreneurs (small business owners) in developing countries. Those countries include Haiti, which is the most impoverished nation in the Western Hemisphere. It also includes nations such as Honduras, Cambodia, Ghana, and others worldwide.

Systemic Poverty in Developing Nations

We know our great nation, the United States, has poverty. However, we are fortunate to have a robust philanthropic structure that helps support those who fall onto hard times. We also have social safety programs, such as unemployment insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid. However, in many countries, because of systemic poverty, people living there have no support.

In the simplest terms, systemic poverty is when a country's infrastructure cannot help or support its people which creates a lack of opportunities. Because of that, millions of children cannot attend schools or get an education because shoes happen to be one of the minimum requirements for attendance. A lack of education keeps them from working when they are adults.



Want to
make a
global
impact?





More About

Where Do the Shoes Go?



Working-Age Adults in Developing Countries

For adults of working age, systemic poverty provides little, if any, work opportunities for them. Of course, this is a problem because it is tough to take care of yourself, let alone your family and children, if you can't find a job. The lack of education keeps millions deeply impoverished because jobs go to those who managed to receive an education. Therefore, millions of people living in developing nations must create opportunities for themselves. And, selling shoes in their communities is one of the best ways to make a living.

Micro-entrepreneurs and Funds2Orgs

Funds2Orgs ships the shoes you collect to 26 developing countries around the world. The footwear then gets sold to micro-entrepreneurs (small business owners, mostly women) who buy the shoes at a fraction of the cost. This helps to ensure commerce and not destroy their commercial economy by dumping "free" items. Many countries and local governments have laws and regulations against "free" merchandise and donations in order to protect economies.

The micro-enterprise partners of Funds2Orgs worldwide then take the shoes and sell them in their communities. More than 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs and their families partner with Funds2Orgs and have created thriving businesses selling shoes. In turn, they have helped themselves out of poverty with your hand-up through your shoe drive fundraiser.

Curriculum and Resources

We created free Micro-enterprise Curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core Education Standards. It allows educators to teach subjects, including Math, English, Science, and Social Studies in a creative and engaging way. It also helps teach children the importance of micro-enterprises in worldwide communities, which is essential in a globalized world.



The Micro-Enterprise Curriculum has four levels: Elementary, Middle, High, and Homeschool. Each level has 5 Modules: General Business, General Marketing, Micro-Enterprise Fundamentals, Creating a Micro-Enterprise Business Plan, and Finance. The curriculum also has accompanying teacher worksheets and professional guides. To download the free school curriculum, visit our website!



On our website, you'll also find images of micro-enterprises at work, that you're directly supporting through the shoe drive fundraiser. Also be sure to check out our Why Shoes document to gain further insights on the impact shoe drive fundraisers have on individual families all over the world.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to the community!



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

When: Wednesday, August 10th
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
(or until gone)
How: Drive-thru pickup in
the back of church

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

MENU:
**CONEY DOG, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, SALAD, CHIPS
& DESSERT**

