



# Trinity Times

November  
2022

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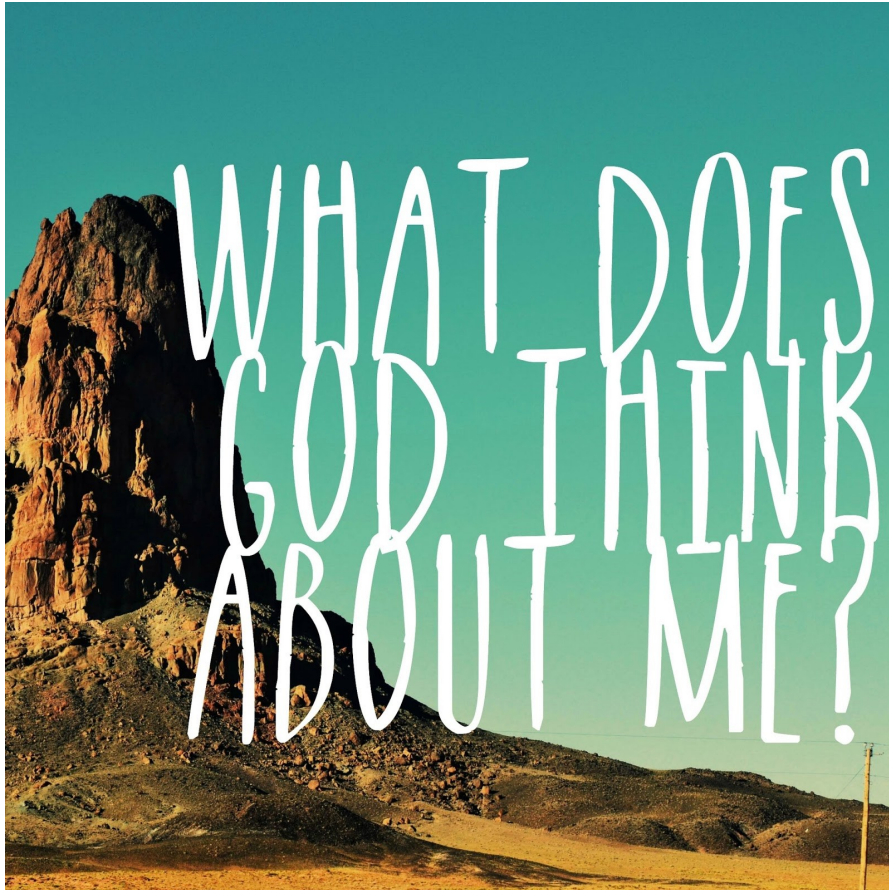
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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Members and Friends  
of Trinity Lutheran Church—

Recently, while attending a fall theological gathering, a group of leaders were sitting around the table and the questions was asked: “What do you want people to say about you when you’re dead?”

There were some giggles and groans; before I proceed, I went on to explain: “What do you want to be known for? What do you want people to remember about you?” We were asked to list 5 things. Before you read on, think about that for yourself. What do **you** want people to know or think about you?!

Actually, the question was a great way to get at our core values; these are the things, the values that are important to us. They define who we are. And who we are shapes what we do. It’s true for individuals and it is true for congregations. Perhaps the more important question is not what people will think about us, but **“What does God think?”**

Pastor Dave Daubert who lead the group talked about the “6 P’s of Vital Churches”: Purpose, Principles, Priorities, People, Plans and Practice.

#1) **Purpose:** Any person or a church needs to have a purpose. Why are we here? Why are we doing what we do? What does God want us to do? Articulating a Purpose often involves formulating a mission statement. Daubert emphasized that a good mission statement needs to be short, concise and easily remembered. A mission statement is most helpful when it is clear and guides decision making. Perhaps it is time to update what we have as a mission statement.

#2) **Principles:** How are we to act ideally? What values are we living out? What do we really care about? When we are at our best, living up to our vision, what is observable about us? What are people saying about us? Some core values that I heard when we gathered at our tables – do any of these describe Trinity?

- + Spiritual growth through prayer, worship, Bible study and fellowship.
- + Nurturing the participation of children and youth, through spiritual growth and service.
- + Faithful stewardship and being cheerful, generous givers of time, talent and treasure.
- + Service to the community, here and abroad, and seek to address needs of hunger, clothing, shelter, medical care and safety for those in need.
- + Care of the environments in which we gather, worship and serve.
- + Ministry done by members and friends in their daily lives outside the church.
- + Spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of our members and provide support through life’s challenges.

## 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

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

This is a great list of principles. The question becomes: **are** we acting this way? Can others see the principles and values that are important for us? Are there any principles from the list above that are missing or ones that really don't describe us?

#3) **Priorities**: What will we focus on? What does God want us to do now? What areas should we be addressing to strengthen the congregation to make a difference in the world? What are the best applications of our energy and talents to connect purpose and principles?

#4) **People**: Who will do it? Who are our partners?

#5) **Plans**: What actions do we need to take?

#6) **Practice**: Make it happen!

The first three P's are about the *content* of mission; we need to be clear and articulate why we're here, how we act and what we want to focus on. The central question for us to answer is: **Why does God bring us in and why does God send us out?**

As we continue in the call process, we need to talk more about who we are and what it is that we want to be known for in the community. More importantly, we need to share our vision for mission! I know, values and priorities are a challenge to identify but ultimately, it leads to holy change. And I think, it is the type of change that God is calling us to be about.

*Pastor Cathy*



The Call Committee has updated its members since the committee has been in place for two years now. The current members are: Millie McCready, Guy Miller, Greg Norman, Mike Markley, Candy Beatty. Carrie Wiedenheft is also making statistical updates and a few other small changes to the Mission Site Profile.

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

## From your Council



**All December Sunday's and New Year's Day will be only one service this year.** Council decided to have only one service at **9:30 am** during the month of December and January 1, 2023. With Christmas and New Year's Day being on a Sunday this year and the Children's program being held December 11 with the request of only one service it was determined to make all the Sunday's in December one service only.

This was to try and keep things as simple as possible for all. This is NOT a permanent change. Regular worship times will resume on January 8 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Sunday school will still be held on those one service Sundays. It will start at 9:00 am and if finished before service ends the children will be brought upstairs to their parents. There will be NO Sunday school on December 25.

There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Thanksgiving worship will be held on Sunday, November 20 during the regular services.

There will be one Advent service on December 7 at 7:00 pm.

There will be only ONE service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. This will be a communion service.

# Youth and Family



NOVEMBER 12 will be an overnight cardboard box experience for our children fourth grade and up in the church basement. This is just a fun event to get the kids together and do activities and make some ornaments they can sell later in the year. There will be a display upstairs at the November 13 services where they will be taking a collection for Project Noelle.

## SENIOR MEMBERS THANKSGIVING MEAL NOVEMBER 20, 2022

All Senior members (55 and older) are invited to the Thanksgiving meal following the 10:30 am worship service, starting around 11:45. The meal is free and the menu is being worked on. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway so enough food can be prepared.



OUR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 11 at the 9:30 am worship service. Please come and support our youth.

There will also be First Communion for those who are participating this year.

PROJECT SHARE is asking for our help again this year to fulfill the wish lists of some residents in the Margareta school district for Christmas. A small Christmas tree with the items needed is at the top of the stairs by the church office. Please take an ornament, purchase the item, do not wrap it and return it to the basket under the tree by November 20. We thank you in advance for helping this organization help others in need this holiday season.



Again this year we will be asking for Seats and Feets (underwear and socks) for Care and Share and Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Watch for the tree in the back of the sanctuary



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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 or Envelopes



**Will be available soon**

**Trinity is not doing a Pork and Sauerkraut Meal this year. This event was one of our big money makers for the Community Mission Fund.**

**With this change we encourage you to pick up a box or envelope to put donations in for the Community Mission Fund. These funds go to the local organizations that were approved on page five of the budget.**

**Make a daily contribution  
Thanksgiving Day through  
Christmas Eve  
Return on Christmas Eve**

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	72,769.89
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	85,138.39
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,883.48
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	242,382.05
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	49,470.95
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,454.15
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$514,656.93</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	58,049.59
3.200.300	Benevolence Fund Balance	(100.00)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,480.95
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	35,632.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	89,276.87
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,009.80
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,454.15
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	242,382.05
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$403,755.44</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	49,470.95
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$514,656.93</u></b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$514,656.93</u></b>



# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - October 20, 2022 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff

Minutes of previous meeting (September 2022) were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for September 2022 was reviewed. Candy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie reached out to the Call Committee members to see if they would like to continue to be on the committee since it had already been two years since starting. Several stepped down and the Call Committee now consists of: Guy Miller, Millie McCready, Candy Beatty, Greg Norman, Mike Markley, and hopefully either Gayle or Natalie Thompson. These will need to be approved at the Congregational Council Meeting. There may be a candidate to interview soon. Pat made a motion to accept the Congregational Council Meeting Agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. Motion Passed. Betsy made a motion to accept the new council election ballot as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion Passed. It was discussed on what to do if no quorum was made at the Congregational Meeting. It was decided to reschedule the meeting that day if there was no quorum.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – There will be a small fellowship time between serviced on October 30 when Bishop Daniel is here.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Pat reported that there will be a small Christmas tree outside the Pastor's office collecting items for Project Share. There will be an overnight cardboard box sleepover at the church on November 12. The kids will attend church the next day. Pat made a motion to allow a box to be placed in the sanctuary with a couple of kids there to collect money for Project Noelle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. Motion passed. The Senior Thanksgiving meal will be November 20 at about 11:45 am. There will be a signup sheet for this. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 11 along with First Communion. There will be a Helping Hands tree again this year.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – 40 bags of shoes were picked up by Funds2org on October 15. The balance will be picked up later. It was agreed to offer poinsettias again this year for the holiday season. The Sock/Underwear tree, Good Gift's tree, Helping Hands Tree, and the Project Share tree will be done again this year.

Property – Still waiting on quote from The Glass Guys on storm windows for the sanctuary. Still waiting for the concrete work out front to be done. Still waiting on the windows to be cleaned. Mike fixed the roof cap on the north end of the church. The Glass Guys were out and replaced the upper seals on the windows in the educational wing.

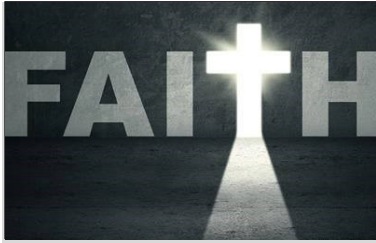
Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch -Nancy made a motion to accept the 2023 budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed. Betsy made a motion to accept the 2023 Community Mission allocations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed. Millie made a motion to approve \$500 from the Mission Endowment Fund to send to Cancer Services for transportation use. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. Motion passed. Millie made a motion that the rent for the parsonage be increased to \$700 at the first of 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. Motion passed. A letter will be written to the renters informing them of this decision along with the notice that it may increase again later.

Witness and Welcome – Millie McCready – Millie, Jim B., Pat W., and Sally W. looked through the list given to them on inactive members. Jim made a motion to accept the letter that was drafted and will be sent to these members. More information on the holiday schedule will be added to the letter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Millie. Motion passed.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – The next Worship & Music meeting is scheduled for November 2. There are three new acolytes that will go through training. They are Mya & Lincoln Smith and Claire Conner. Eli Conner will also be added to next year's schedule. Those doing First Communion this year are Tyler Wiedenheft, Lincoln Smith, and Maci Berg.

Old Business – Carol will get the typed up Financial Audit to those who have participated in the past and see about getting it edited now. We will need three volunteers to do the audit in February of 2023. Carol purchased a new electronic stapler for \$57.00. The council had approved \$200 to \$300. It seems to be working well. This motion was made in June: *Jim made a motion to take the loose plate offering on July 24 to help support the Seminary Leadership Training. A total of \$500 will be donated in Bishop Daniel's honor. The balance will come from current. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Millie.*





# FAITH Member Ministry

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/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**

**At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

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 Miller                                      5708 Bogart Road, Castalia 419-684-5274                                      Birthday: May 24

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 Welsler                                      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.



**NOVEMBER ALTAR  
CARE**  
Betty Miller  
Janis Miller, Cathy Wobser

**Crossroads Homeless Shelter  
Meal  
for November 16, 2022**

**Chicken/Noodles Alfredo  
Sweet Potatoes Casserole  
Vegetable  
Cookies/Ice Cream  
Banana Bread**

*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.*

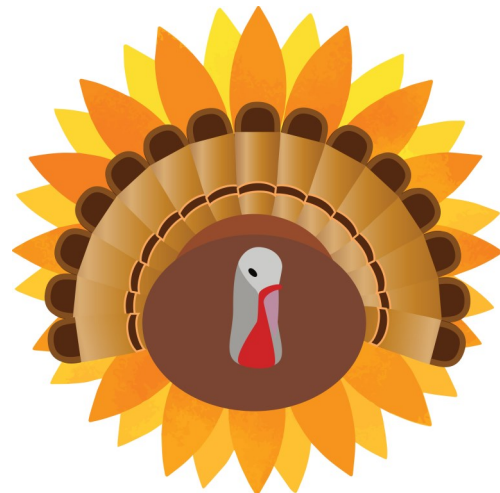


**JAM!**

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!  
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

**NOVEMBER 13**

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



**Thanksgiving  
Service**

There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. The liturgy will be incorporated into the November 20 service. Please have a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving weekend.

# NOVEMBER MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

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



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Kathy Parker - 49th  
Matthew & Jennifer Lesch - 21st
- 13 Wesley & Betty Miller - 57th
- 14 Jeffrey & Jessica Hirt - 13th
- 16 Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft - 48th
- 18 Gary & Bonnie Lieb - 55th
- 20 Allen & Kathleen Miller - 41st
- 22 Kent & Janis Miller - 25th
- 28 David & Cathy Wobser - 47th



Gene & Adele Hoffman, Patty Swartz in memory of Gwen Miller

David & Sally Warner in memory of Robert Sessler on his birthday and in honor of Nancy Sessler on her birthday



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*



Thank you to Jim Bertsch for sharing his veggies from his bountiful garden with the congregation and others.

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

- To Jim Bertsch for all his work sorting/cleaning and bagging the shoes for the shoe drive.
- To the following members who helped load shoes on Saturday, October 15: Betsy Stierhoff, Bonnie Lieb, Gary Lieb, Jim Bertsch, Sally Warner, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie, & Ryan Wiedenheft.
- To Carol Dahs for bringing shoes from her church, St. John's UCC, Milan.
- To Mary Ann Wiedenheft for bringing shoes from her church, Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- To Grace Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, and Castalia UCC for collecting shoes for us



# NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Worship & Music Mtg - 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm	3	4	5 NA 11:00
6 All Saints Sunday Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	7 Dartball 7:30 pm	8	9 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm	10	11	12 NA 11:00 am
13 Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am	14 Pr Ralph in the office AM Dartball 7:30 pm	15	16 Pr Ralph in office Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	17 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	18	19 NA 11:00 am
20 Christ the King Sunday Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Senior Thanksgiving Meal 11:30 am	21 Pr Ralph in the office AM Dartball 7:30 pm	22	23 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	25 Office Closed	26 NA 11:00 am
27 First Sunday of Advent Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	28 Pr Ralph in the office AM Dartball 7:30 pm	29	30 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm			

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of November

## November 6 - All Saints Sunday

**Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18** - *The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom*

**Psalm 149** - Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

**Ephesians 1:11-23** - *God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church*

**Luke 6:20-31** - *Jesus speaks blessings and woes*

**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 13 - Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

**Malachi 4:1-2a** - *A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous*

**Psalm 98** - In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** - *Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ*

**Luke 21:5-19** - *Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** - *Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice*

**Psalm 46** - I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

**Colossians 1:11-20** - *Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood*

**Luke 23:33-43** - *Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

**Isaiah 2:1-5** - *Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace*

**Psalm 122** - I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

**Romans 13:11-14** - *Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep*

**Matthew 24:36-44** - *The sudden coming of the Son of Man*

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**





# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

9AM TO 3PM

ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH  
905 E. PERKINS AVE., SANDUSKY

- Handmade Items
- Lebkuchen Cookies
  - Jewelry
- New Christmas Collectables
  - Fresh Baked Items
  - Decorative Crafts
    - Gift Baskets
  - Multiple Vendors

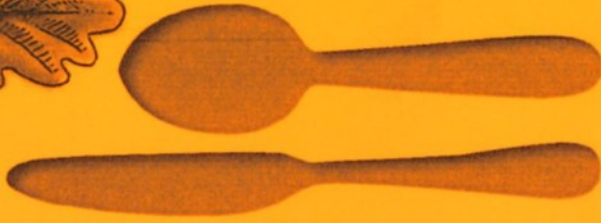
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**BUY LOCAL !**

LUNCH AVAILABLE  
\$1.00 Admission to benefit  
Food Pantry for Local Families



# ROAST BEEF DINNER

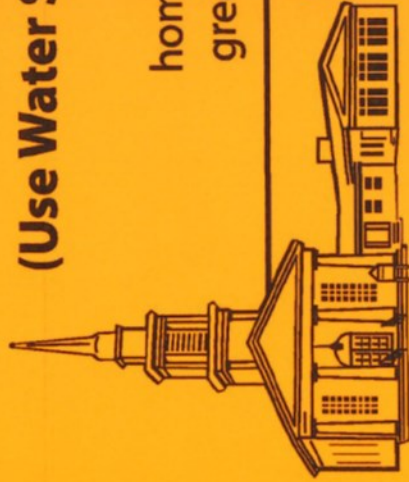


**Saturday, November 5, 2022  
4:00 p.m. until sold out**

**Drive thru service only • \$10 meal**

**(Use Water Street entrance across from Post Office)**

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



**Congregational UCC of Castalia**



205 Main Street • Castalia, Ohio



There's  
*always*  
SOMETHING  

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TO BE  
*thankful*  
FOR