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1 - Mike Mason, *The Mystery of Marriage* (Sister, OR: Mulnomah Boos, 2005), 53, 54.
2 - Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles* (Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Pub. Assn, 1911), 334.

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On the Cover...

God is love - know it

A family was in a serious traffic accident. The youngest son, Mike, was seriously injured and needed blood. His big brother, Danny, was only eight years old but had the same blood type. Danny's dad explained carefully how important it was for Mike to have blood and how great it would be if Danny could help out. There was silence for a while, then Danny said, "Daddy, I'll give my blood so Mike can get better." They put a needle in his vein and drew the blood they needed. Once the needle was retracted, Danny looked up at his dad and, with tears running down his cheeks, said, "Daddy, when do I die?" That was when his father realized that Danny didn't know he was just giving some blood. He thought he was giving his life.

When the Holy Spirit guides you into all truth, how should a preacher respond?

Truthful Love

The central truth to all other truths is the God is love. All Heaven - in fact, all of the universe - is based on one truth - God is love. If not based on this truth, items meant to be blessings often misrepresent God and even damage His work. The religious leaders in Jesus time may have had wonderful doctrines; but they had lost the central point - God is love (see John 5:39). We need to make sure that what we believe, think, and how we act is centered on, depends on, and is tested by this main truth (see 1 Corinthians 13). Otherwise, it has no power (v.1).

Everything we believe and know in order to function needs to be measured and supported by this one vital truth. A desire, a thirst for a deeper knowledge of God is absolutely crucial to our own spiritual growth and to the growth of the church (see 1 John 4:8). God is love - believe it.

Testing love

We may honestly think we love God, but how do we test that? The acidic test of love for God is the love we show for those around us, both those we like or agree with and those we don't. In the Bible, love is manifested through sacrifice. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13, NKJV; see also 1 Cor. 13:5; John 3:16; Eph. 5:1,2). If you pastor a church or preach in the pulpit but are unwilling or have no time to serve the least of these, you may think you are a Christian, but you are not.

The greatest challenge to walking the talk is in our home. Mike Mason states, "Love convinces a couple that they are the greatest romance that has ever been, that no two people have ever loved as they do, and that they will sacrifice absolutely anything in order to be together. Then marriage asks them to prove it."¹ God is love - show it.

YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY

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Telling love

God's children are people of love and mercy. Only that can change the family, the church, and the world (see Zech. 7:9, 10; John 15:12,13). Author Ellen G. White states, "In every true disciple this love, like sacred fire, burns on the altar of the heart. It was on the earth that the love of God was revealed through Christ. It is on the earth that His children are to reflect this love. Thus, sinners will be lead to the cross to behold the Lamb of God."²

Preachers, there is no other way to tell God's story. To reflect upon this love, to make it the goal of your life, is the only way to real transformation, abundant life here, and eternal life there. This is the gospel, this is genuine Christianity, this is when Christ's character is manifested in His children, and this is when Jesus can come and take us home. God is Love - and if you know it, tell it.

URGENT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Call the Church Office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

419 626-0204

Other Hours

Call Barb Wobser at 419 656-8278

(she will contact the appropriate care person)

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

In our world today we have so many voices pulling us this way and that way that we can sometimes become overfilled – too busy – that we don't listen to our own bodies and can even become deaf to God's voice and abandon our spiritual well-being. This season of Lent reminds us that we need to pause and reflect on our faith journey as we walk with Jesus toward the cross where he will experience death and resurrection. But how and where

do we find the time to reflect? I know, at this point many of you are saying, "Oh great, she's going to ask us to add one more thing to our already hectic day."

In my full-time call, I get to work with our rostered ministers and leaders on being healthy. One of the ways we get at this sense of being healthy is to talk about Spiritual Pathways. Just like we need to exercise to strengthen our muscles for healthy bodies – we also need to keep exercising our spiritual wellness. So, what might this look like?


Spiritual Pathways is about taking something you are already doing and giving it a boost. Take a moment and think about your day – your schedule. Think about some of the things you do every day? For example: make the bed, make coffee in the morning, dress the children, drive to work, etc. As you are doing one of those everyday tasks, find ways to feel grateful. I routinely make the bed every morning but at the same time I use that time to thank God for the ability to even have a bed, blankets to keep me warm, and a loving spouse to share the bed. In turn, my prayers flow toward asking God to protect those who are in need that they might know God's loving embrace.

What ideas might you have as examples to help stretch and build your spiritual muscles? If you haven't come up with a Lenten discipline, it's not too late to start. This season of Lent reminds us of what God has so graciously done for us through Jesus. Please know how grateful I am for each of you and include you in my daily prayers! Peace be with you. CLS



The Lenten Denial Offering Envelopes have mailed. Please remember that the offerings go to our Community Mission Fund. You may turn them in at any time between now and Easter Sunday. (Midweek Lenten worship envelopes in the envelope boxes support our General Fund.)

LENTEN OFFERING



Amount \$ _____

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example. . . . By His wounds you have been healed.
1 Peter 2:21, 24 ESV*

Beginning January 1, 2020
Please use the following guidelines for Pastoral Care:

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and requires **IMMEDIATE** Pastoral Care and it is during the church office hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, call the church office at 419-626-0204.

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and requires **IMMEDIATE** Pastoral Care and it is **NOT** during the church office hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, call **Barb Wobser at 419-656-8278**. Barb will obtain all necessary information and discuss the designated Pastoral Care available for the emergency situation.

If the situation is an **EMERGENCY** and **not at a local hospital**, please contact the hospital and ask about immediate Spiritual Care services and then follow the above guidelines to notify the designated Trinity personnel.

If the situation is a **NON-EMERGENCY** situation, please contact the church office at 419-626-0204 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday, and speak with Church Administrator, Carol Dahs. You may also call the church office at any time and leave a message, requesting Pastoral Care, and someone will return your call.

If you have any questions about any other concerns regarding Pastoral Care, contact our Church Administrator, Carol Dahs, during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday. You may also contact any of the members of the Congregational Care Team listed below:

Barry Gill:	419-366-0307
Jean Holbrook:	419-202-9057
Patty Swartz:	419-626-4970

For the above situations, please have the following information to share with us:

The parishioner's name.

Where the Pastoral Care is needed.

What the nature of the situation is.

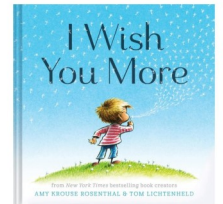
A contact person's name and telephone number (family member).

Youth and Family

with SALLY WARNER, Trinity's Youth
and Family Ministries Coordinator

KIDS BOOKS UP FOR GRABS!

Over the month of January and February we have given you the chance to go through many books and video's that we no longer need around the church and we thank everyone who took advantage of this and took what they wanted. As of February 20th, the leftover items were packed up and taken away. But now, through the month of March we are offering all the children's books from our Resource Center which just aren't used anymore. These books are free for the taking and once March 30th rolls around all the left over books will be packed up and taken away also. So, stop in and look over the children's books in the upstairs Sunday school department and take some home with you.



CARDBOARD CITY UPDATE and SOUP INGATHERING DISTRIBUTION

Months after Cardboard City, the money that was raised for our youth to attend the event has been used for one more act of kindness in our area. Along with the over 100 cans of soup and packs of crackers that was collected for SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, 50 pairs of socks, 200 packs of handwarmers, 18 blankets, snacks and various personal hygiene products were given to the public 'After School Market' that is held at the Mills Street School. There are about 350 kids who take home a meal each Friday after school so they have at least one meal over the weekend. The soup that we collected was used to help make up these meal kits for one weekend. The other socks, blankets and snacks were used by an organization who travel about the city looking for homeless people and give them what they may need to stay warm. St. Paul Lutheran church right down the road from the Mills school also helps in fueling these projects. We were very honored to be apart of this group and will definitely be working with them in the future.

COATS – HATS – GLOVES – SCARFS



Cleaning out those closets and getting ready for spring? Don't throw away those old coats, hats, gloves, and scarfs you may not want anymore. We will be collecting these items and saving them for a project that a few good people who drive around the city of Sandusky looking for homeless who may need them during the winter months. Any size, but in good condition ONLY will be accepted. Our collection will take place throughout the year, so bring them in at any time and put them in the box in the room marked Resource Center in the upstairs Sunday school department for now.

SUB SALE FOR CARE AND SHARE

Our Souper Bowl sub sale this year netted \$526.50 with all the proceeds going to Care and Share this year. It took a few good people to put this all together for us and we need to thank them for taking their time to help. Included are: Barb Wobser, Sally Hershey, Laura Miller, Denise Casanova, Judy Driscoll, Eli Conner, Trent Hershey, and Tarah Hershey. THANK YOU ALL who helped and who bought the subs and soup. And this year we had handy, dandy boxes to put the soup and subs in to make it easier for you to carry. We need to say a huge thanks to Peggy Kingsborough and Kroger's for the donation of these boxes. They sure were a big help for those transporting their goods!

MARCH 29TH UNITY SERVICE

In this new year of 2020, we will be continuing the practice of doing a UNITY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE on the 5th Sundays. March 29th marks our first Unity Service for the year. There will be only ONE worship service on this day starting at 9:00 am with a light breakfast following the service. Our Lay Leaders of the church will be conducting the service and YOU CAN BE ONE OF THESE LEADERS! If you have an interest in helping our Trinity family with the service, please see Sally Warner and let her know what it is you would like to help with. We always like to see new faces participating in our worship services and would certainly welcome anyone who may want to help!



CHILDREN SERMONS HELPERS NEEDED!

As many of you know, we have been handling the duty of the Children's Sermon since Pastor Ralph and Cathy have joined us here at Trinity. Some have been helping to do this but we are always looking for some more good people to come forward and help out. You will receive the lessons and a suggestion as to what to do with the kids for each Sunday, but of course, you can think outside the box and come up with something of your own. I know the kids have been enjoying this part of the service and it good for them to see different people in the church actually talk with them too. So, if you have an interest, please let Sally Warner know and we'll hook you up with a Sunday to give it a try!

LET'S TALK LENT!

With the Lenten season having already started on Ash Wednesday, there are many activities and events planned for the season. Lenten Devotional books are available by the elevator entrance into the Sanctuary. Only 20 books were ordered so grab one quick!



This year the Sunday school kids will be involved in a "CHANGE FOR CHICKS" project through the ELCA World Hunger program instead of our usual Pennies for Pigs that we have done in the past. We thought we would "change" it up a bit and switch over to the chick project. The kids have been given a farm box to collect their change in and each week they can bring it back to Sunday school and dump it in under our Master Rooster who will be keeping watch over the change during Lent. It takes \$10.00 to buy a group of 3 chicks or \$15.00 for a rooster. We are hoping to

but lots of chicks this year to help with this World Hunger project.

AND, if you would like to help too, we will once again be selling the paper chicks for you to purchase for \$1.00 each or whatever amount you would like to donate. Please see the display across from the church office and fill out your chick in Honor of, or in Memory of someone special to you. All the money raised from these chicks will be added to the money raised by the kids.

HELP FOR KIDS THROUGH PROJECT NOELLE

We have been asked to help kids this Easter who are involved in the Project Noelle system. This non profit organization helps kids who are affected by the opioid crisis by supplying them with basic needs, support groups and activities, summer camps and many other programs to let them know they are not forgotten. As we are all aware, it is the children who are hurt and affected the most from their parent's choices. Thus, we have agreed to help fill over 100 Easter baskets along with other local churches for these kids. We will be collecting these item until Sunday, March 29th. Please place them in the baskets by the Sanctuary entrances. Items being collected are: Candy (no peanuts, Please!), sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles, coloring books, crayons, play dough, reading books, matchbox cars, small stuffed animals, nail polish, and hair ties. Thank you for your support!

SEDER MEAL

Per request, the Seder Meal will be returning to Trinity on Thursday, April 9th. Also known as a Passover meal, we will once again come together in the fellowship hall starting at 5:30 pm. The last time, 2 years ago, we had a very special, meaningful night at the Seder meal and we hope to do the same this year. A few changes are being added, so plan to attend. We will need you to sign up for the meal for the preparation of the food so Please watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins and the April newsletter.





NWOS 2020 Synod Assembly

Registration is now open to attend the
Northwestern Ohio Synod 2020 Synod Assembly!

June 12-13
Bowling Green State University

Non-Voting Members: \$50

Registration is open now through May 15, 2020

Join us for service, worship, and fellowship on Friday, and then on Saturday as we spend time exploring what God's mission is and how we can participate in that mission. In place of workshops, we will Journey Through Our Mission with four rotations that will provide an interactive, in-depth look at each piece of the Northwestern Ohio Synod mission: Making Disciples, Equipping Leaders, Strengthening Parishes, and Launching New Communities.

Assembly attendees will have the opportunity to attend each rotation.

Every year Pastor Gardner and at least one other person has attended this assembly. We are looking for two volunteers to attend this event. Trinity will pay for the registration and a hotel room for one night.

You can find out more about the assembly at nwosassembly.org.

Barry Gill, Cathy and Dave Wobser have attended this before so you can also ask them about it.

Please let the church office know if you are interested and Carol will help you get registered and look in to hotel options.

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - February 20, 2020 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Barb Wobser, Dave Miller, Judy Driscoll, Sally Warner, Jim Bertsch, Bonnie Lieb, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Mike Markley, and secretary, Carol Dahs.

Meeting called to order by President, Dave Miller. Devotions were given by Sally Warner.

Minutes of previous meeting (January 16) were reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. 2nd by Judy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for January was reviewed. Jim stated that last month's errors through Thrivent had been corrected. The first distribution for the year from the Community Mission fund was distributed on the first of February. Sally made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 2nd by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Dave has just a couple more job reviews to do and those will be done. The transition team currently consists of Dave Miller, Mark Wiedenheft, Barb Wobser, Ellene & Elise Kleinoeder. Barb will see if Russ Stephens will also participate. Barb made a motion that the 2018 and 2019 books be audited. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Jim will see if those who did it last time will do it again.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph asked council to think about two changes for Trinity. One being communion on every Sunday and going to one service.

The Congregational Care Ministry team – Barry reported that his team has come up with a new name for their team ministry: FAITH Member Ministry. They will be incorporating it into the church starting March 1.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – Candy stated that there was one open Lenten Meal yet.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – Instead of Pennies for Pigs this year's youth will be doing Change for Chicks for Lutheran World Relief starting in March. The money earned from Cardboard City was used to buy supplies for the Mills School Children's project where a meal is given to each child there to take home for the weekend, as that maybe their only meal for the weekend along with hats/scarves/mittens. Souper Subs earned \$526.50 which was also given to the Mills School Children's project. The youth will be collecting children's books for Project Noelle.

Mission Service – Judy Driscoll – They are doing a new take on Lent. Instead of giving up something for Lent they are asking people to give a different food item each week to go to Project Share.

Property – Mike Markley – The outside painting that was approved last fall will begin as soon as the weather breaks. Narcotics Anonymous put in a request to have their Regional Event here. Judy made a motion to accept this request with the understanding that there must be more than one Trinity representative here during the event and that they cannot do it on Wednesday's during Lent. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Mike will let them know.

Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch – Jim made a motion to move \$30,000 from the checking account to an Income Bond Fund. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Witness and Welcome – Bonnie Lieb – Bonnie stated that her committee had one brief meeting. She has a couple welcome/thank you notes to write to visitors at worship.

Worship and Music – Sally Warner – Adele purchased some new mics and an audio mixer for the church. Trinity will not be participating in Zion's Good Friday service this year. There will once again be a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday this year.



Old Business – Trinity received \$5,659.35 from the Trust of Carol D Towl. It was placed in the Building Fund for future Capital Improvements per the request of the family. A thank you letter was sent.

New Business – The 2021 Giving Envelope order form has been received. Envelopes will be ordered the same as last year unless they can add a box for the check numbers on the special giving envelopes. FLAME's November and December 2019 financial records were reviewed. Council asked that Carol put the NWOS 2020 Synod Assembly registration in the newsletter to see if we can get any new people to volunteer to go. Trinity will pay for the registration and hotel for two volunteers. Council decided not to have anyone from the Gideons come and do a Temple Talk. Carol will let Walt Bauman know. There are a few antique children's benches that the church no longer needs. They will be listed in the bulletin for members to take first before donating them elsewhere. Council approved the continued sale of Easter flowers from Northcoast Horticulture for Easter Sunday. Council received a letter from Marie Nielsen asking for her pastor from Bowling Green be allowed to do her wedding in June here at Trinity. Judy made a motion to accept this request. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Pastors Ralph and Cathy had no objections to this. All council members were given the Field Guide for the Missional Congregation book, which is Bishop Beaudoin recommended reading for this year. Extra books will be offered to the congregation. All the cleaned-out books are now gone. Sally will be going through the children's books now.

Instead of giving up something for Lent...what about giving?

HERE'S THE GIVING CHALLENGE.

**FOR EACH WEEK OF LENT DONATE FOOD ITEMS FOR
GRACE'S PANTRY, SERVING FAMILIES IN MARGARETTA
TOWNSHIP. MAKE THE GIVING MORE FUN BY CHALLENGING A
FRIEND.**

WEEK 1- 1 JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER



WEEK 2- 2 CANS OF FRUIT

WEEK 3- 3 CANS OF SOUP

WEEK 4 -4 CANS OF VEGETABLES

WEEK 5- 5 BOXES OF MAC AND CHEESE

WEEK 6- 6 DESSERT MIXES

WEEK 7- 7 PACKAGES OF RAMEN NOODLES

WEEK 8- CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS WITH A CHOCOLATE BUNNY



Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission

*Grace, Castalia - St. John's, Union Corners - St. John's, Bellevue - St. Paul, Sandusky
St. Peter, Norwalk - Trinity, Sandusky - Zion, Sandusky - Zion, Huron
www.flame-elca.com*

FLAME

In November of 2019, after much thought and prayer, the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission Board voted to disband the Board. There are many reasons for this decision and feel free to ask your former representative for details.

On January 30, 2020 the Board unanimously voted to dispense of all remaining funds by donating \$500 to St. Paul's to assist with the Brothers of Basketball program, \$200 to the FLAME Opioid Crisis Seminar, and the remainder of the funds to be divided between the JOY Time and Life Tree Café programs to help those programs continue.

Please note, however, that this does not mean an end to FLAME. Hopefully, our congregations as the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission will continue to carry on with the Boards goals of faithful witness and service by making Christ known in our communities. We pray that our Lutheran congregations will continue to work with one another on connective programs and cooperative ministries.

Sandusky Area Lutherans in Mission, FLAME's previous name, was founded with an afternoon worship service led by Bishop Marcus Lohrmann at Resurrection Lutheran Church on the Feast of St. Matthew, Sunday, September 21, 2003. Since 2003 FLAME has promoted projects such as supporting the Lutheran Memorial Home, Crop Walk, Kairos prison ministry, Habitat for Humanity, evangelists from Tanzania, Care and Share and other local food banks, Erie County Senior Center, and the Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Together we held the first Cardboard City, Daybreak I and II, and enjoyed the combined choir and several joint worship services. We helped raise funds and donations after the Alabama tornadoes in 2011. We helped sponsor Walk for Water, the Recovery Walk, the Flint Water Crisis, Bridges Out of Poverty, Breakfasts for First Responders, and two community workshops on church security. Since 2014 we have sponsored JOY Time, a faith-based ministry for developmentally challenged adults. We have supported our youth attending national conventions. We have fed the community through St. John's Giving Garden and celebrated its success with an annual Corn Potluck. We celebrated the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation with a community concert, floral mound, and the screening of Martin Luther's life at a local theater. We have shared God's word through Lifetree Café at the Huron Library and Zion, Huron. When the immigration crisis hit locally, we helped the broken families through St. Paul Catholic church. The list could go on, hopefully through you it will.

The bishop has declared this year the year of mission. The Board prays that we continue to work on shared ministry. We do more together and we do better together. Our strength is in our unity. Please continue to nurture one another and promote our common identity as Lutherans by reaching out to our community and beyond.

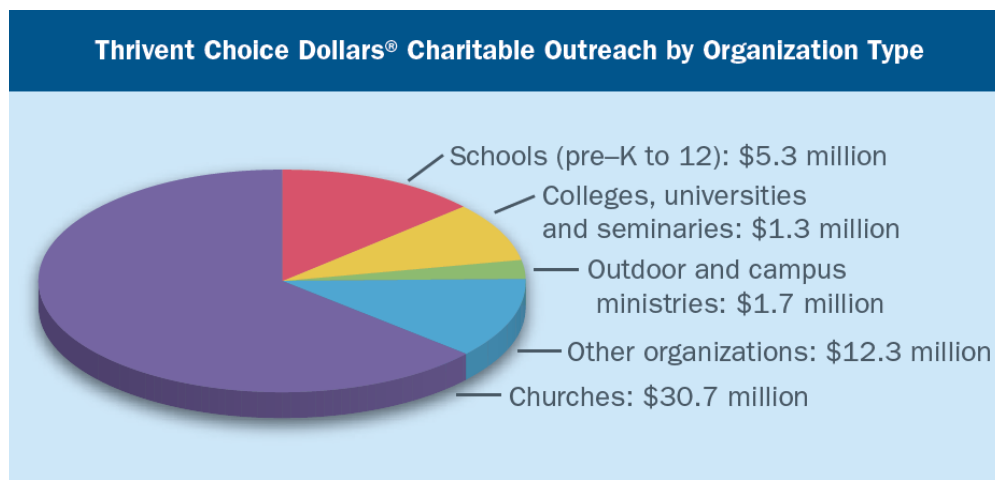
Thank you for your many years of financial support.

In His service, your FLAME Board,

Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki, Karen Munsterman, Cathy Wobser, Michelle Schaffer, Martha Thompson, Millie McCreedy, Tim Schwanger, Jane Ann Cummings, Pr. Ann Marshall, Steve Lippert, and Deanna Ridenour

Thrivent Members: Now Is the Time!

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2019 will expire soon. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars for distribution, you have until **March 31** to designate that money...and your congregation, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church, is an eligible destination. Even if you have designated your Choice Dollars to Trinity previously, **you must do so again** before the availability of 2019 Choice Dollars expires.



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3. Log in, enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)
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 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
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MARCH ALTAR CARE

Pat Wiedenheft, Chairperson
Candy Beatty



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

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8,
BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.**



APRIL TIMES
Submissions Deadline:

March 20

**Items received after this date
will be held for the
May newsletter**

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Here's how to enroll:

1. Visit: krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account or create an account.
3. Follow the prompts or see the church secretary, Carol, and she will help you.
4. Trinity's number is IU449

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Same ministry, new name.....

FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir **H**omes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

Trinity's Congregational Care Team ministers to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are unable to be with us at worship – whether on a temporary or a permanent basis. Our team's mission is to share Christ and what is happening within the walls of Trinity with these FAITH Members, so they can continue to be a part of our Christian family. Please join us in praying for these FAITH Members and we ask that you join us in this important ministry by making a visit or call, or by sending them a card or letter. Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Barry Gill at 419-366-0307.

FAITH Members (as of 02/22/20)

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

Iretta Gast	#318	419-308-4269	July 15
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At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Geraldine Watson	#128		Oct. 6
Ruby Stierhoff	#114		July 26

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxillary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Shirley Miller	#311	419-483-4189	April 3
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At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Dorothy Miller	#72		June 20
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At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

Kay Braden	Sister of Kathy Parker and Donnie Bowers		
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In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman	51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton	419-732-7398	B: May 25	MA: July 10
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Margaret Lieb	3615 Monroe Street, Sandusky	419-357-5672	June 27
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Viola Liptok	102 Portland Avenue, Bay Bridge, OH	419-684-5840	Dec. 9
Send mail to:	5322 Hampton Drive, North Olmstead, OH 44070		

Dan & Gwen Miller	5708 Bogart Road, Castalia	419-684-5274	D: May 24	G: Oct. 5
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Bernie Neidler	1305 Ogontz, Sandusky	419-684-5274	B: Nov. 16	MA: Dec. 30
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Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky	419-684-5627	June 6
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Barb Saylor	114 W. Menominee Trail, Sandusky		June 8
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Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-624-7232	Feb. 11
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Ron Wriker	101 Caswell Drive, Castalia		Apr. 6
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MARCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Bryce Cullen | |
| 2 Roger Troike | |
| William Bertsch | |
| 3 Judith Howard | |
| Ryan Wiedenheft | |
| 4 Richard Miller | |
| Justin Stierhoff | 19 Emily Tordi |
| 5 Cynthia Norman | Gavin Moore |
| 6 Reese Johnson | Sue Claus |
| Arlayne Mischler | Jerzie Bohn |
| Tyler Wiedenheft | John Harris |
| 7 Tracy Carrozzino | 21 Dominic Carrozzino |
| 8 Carter Jones | Scott Ramon |
| 9 Steve Miller | Derek Milner |
| Jeff Neill | 22 Joseph Sessler |
| Ryan Troike | 24 Joshua Johnson |
| 10 Paige Brogle | 25 Mason Miller |
| Elise Kleinoeder | Miah Miller |
| Jason Overmyer | Holly Harris |
| David Wiedenheft | 26 Wesley Miller |
| Daniel Schlick | Owen Wright |
| 14 Barbara Sessler | Jean Cline |
| Cordell Gerber | Bastian Hipp |
| Tim Markley | 28 Eli Conner |
| 15 Taylor Weyer | 29 Roland Wriker |
| Kate Didion | Joanna Hemmer |
| 16 Todd Schwochow | Braxton Miller |
| 17 Robin Dwight | John Huff |
| Paul Warner | 31 Denise Stallard |
| Sean Cullen | Slone Brogle |
| 18 Cory Paseka | |
| Mason Hermes | |
| Robin Thrash | |



MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Glenn & Sharon Pfann - 46th
 6 John & Susan Corbin - 13th
 9 Greg & Denise Stallard - 24th
 10 Don & Cindy Bowers - 31st
 22 Barry & Karen Gill - 29th
 24 Kevin & Robin Dwight - 30th



Robert Densmore in celebration of his daughter, Elizabeth's birthday.

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of Alice & Robert Bertsch's 73rd Wedding Anniversary



Robert Densmore in memory of Carl Densmore



March 29 with be Trinity's first Unity Service of 2020.

Please remember that there will only be one service at 9:00 am that Sunday. There will be a brunch following service.

The Congregational Life Team will have a signup sheet posted for people to donate casseroles for the brunch. The Congregational Life Team will provide the drinks, fruit, rolls, and such. All they ask are some casseroles to help complete the meal.



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

- Don Bowers and Cyclone Recycling for all the extra trash they have hauled away for us.
- Barry Gill for his devotion to being here and helping with the N/A and NarAnon groups.
- Barb Wobser in working on Trinity's records retention program.

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - March 2020 and April 2020

Altar Care: March - Pat Wiedenheft (chair), Candy Beatty April - Barb Wobser (chair), Ellen Kleinoeder								
Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 Service			10:30 Service		
			Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistant
Sunday Ushers in March - 8:00 - Hank Kleinoeder, David Miller, Charlie Bango 10:30 - Barry Gill, Missy Hacker, David Wobser								
March 1	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Patty Swartz	Brett Miller	Russ Stephens	Penny Solem	Eli Conner	Judy Howard	Barb Sessler
March 8	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Mariska Farlow	Guy Miller			Cathy Wobser	
March 15	Sally Warner	Fred Wobser	Erica Miller	Sally Warner	Josh Miller	Mason Russell	Candy Beatty	Judy Howard
March 22	Phyllis Nuber	Judy Driscoll	Brett Miller	Penny Solem			Jim Bertsch	
March 29 (Unity Service)		Greg Norman	Lilah Werner					
Lenten Wednesday	March 4 - Lector: Farlow ; Ushers - Mark & Rob Wiedenheft, David Wobser		March 11 - Lector: Ushers - Barry & Karen Gill, Rob Wiedenheft				March 18 - Lector: Ushers - Randy Patten, Mark & Rob Wiedenheft	; Trent Hershey
	March 25 - Lector: Natalie Thompson; Ushers - Barb Wobser, Steve Miller, Cindy Norman							
Sunday Ushers in April - 8:00 - Barb Wobser, Brad Stierhoff, Justin Stierhoff 10:30 - Denny Sessler, Bob Chapman, Sonny Schonhardt								
Lenten Wednesday	April 1 - Lector: Conner; Ushers - Denny Sessler, Guy Miller, Greg Norman							
April 5	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Trent Hershey	Phyllis Nuber	Phyllis Nuber	Natalie Thompson	Barry Gill	Bob Troike
Holy Week	Maundy Thursday April 9 - Flowers - Candy Beatty, Ushers - Rob Wiedenheft, Denny & Barb Sessler		; Acolyte - Erica Miller, Lector - Denny & Barb Sessler		Good Friday April 10 - Lector - Dave Miller, Ushers - Mark Wiedenheft, Mike Markley, Rob Wiedenheft			
April 12 Easter Sunday	Mike & Maree Markley	Jim Bertsch	Crucifer - Erica Miller; Acolytes - Brett Miller & Trent Hershey; Lector - Russ Stephens Comm Assist. - Penny Solem		Crucifer - Mason Russel; Acolytes - Mason Hermes & Eli Conner; Lector - Judy Howard Comm Assist. - Judy Howard			
April 19	Roy & Joyce Patterson	Drew & Shelby Koch	Lilah Werner	Dave Miller	Dave Miller	Eli Conner	Cathy Wobser	Cathy Wobser
April 26	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Mariska Farlow	Guy Miller		Mason Hermes	Candy Beatty	

MARCH 2020

S U N	M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
1 Holy Communion Sunday School 8:00 and 10:30 am 9:15 am First Sunday of Lent	2 Dartball - 7:30 pm	3	4 Lenten Meal - 6 pm Worship Svc - 7 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	5	6	7 NA 11:00 am
8 Worship Sunday School Jam Session 8:00 and 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am Second Sunday of Lent	9 Dartball - 7:30 pm	10	11 Lenten Meal - 6 pm Worship Svc - 7 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	12 JoyTime - 6:00 pm	13	14 NA 11:00 am
15 Holy Communion Sunday School 8:00 and 10:30 am 9:15 am Third Sunday of Lent	16 Dartball - 7:30 pm	17	18 Crossroads Meal -1:00 Lenten Meal - 6 pm Worship Svc - 7 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	20	21 NA 11:00 am
22 Worship Sunday School 8:00 and 10:30 am 9:15 am Fourth Sunday of Lent	23 Holy Comm. at The Commons - 1:30 pm	24	25 Lenten Meal - 6 pm Worship Svc - 7 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	26	27	28 NA 11:00 am
29 Unity Service 9:00 am Fifth Sunday of Lent	30 Dartball - Playoffs	31				