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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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From your Council President

Dear Trinity Congregation,

As we have moved into our second month of the governor's "stay at home" order I'm sure many of you, like me, are growing restless. Recently there has been good news with the talk of slowly opening things back up. What that means for churches getting back to "normal", we don't know yet. At our recent council meeting we voted to continue with the cancellation of church activities through the next scheduled meeting of May 21.

I have talked with members of council and both Pastor Schiblers and we plan on getting a committee together to discuss and come up with a plan that will guide us toward our reunion in worship. If before May 21, the governor allows churches to resume I will call a special meeting of council to adapt for that possibility.

In the mean time, please be cautious and take care of yourselves and each other. We will come through this as stronger individuals and a stronger congregation, I know we will.

Yours In Christ,
Dave Miller
Council President



URGENT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Call the Church Office
Monday-Friday,
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
419 626-0204

(leave a message, the messages are
checked regularly)

Other Hours

Call Barb Wobser at 419 656-8278
(she will contact the appropriate care person)

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: Dave Miller

TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

To say we are living in a unique time is probably an understatement. Like so many people these days, I get to work from home and am now barraged with one zoom (video conference) meeting after another. My sister, Nancy, was the first to point out to me that fewer people were using the video part of the meeting and

instead just leaving their microphones on to hear and to speak with others. I told her that I kind of liked seeing everyone's happy faces. Nancy said she just didn't want people to see that she was still wearing her pjs and really didn't feel much like making sure her makeup and hair were "spot on" for the meeting. Her comments made me wonder about our sense of wellbeing as we continue to find ourselves enclosed – longer than any of us anticipated – and how we are staying connected.

Living together as a community is being redefined. So, what are you doing for your wellbeing? Are you finding new ways of connecting, meeting, playing, and being with family? I will say that we have some wonderful, creative people in our midst. It has been interesting to see how people have been sharing their faith and at the same time enriching the lives of those around them. I liked this example from one of my friends, Pastor Jessica: she's been sending virtual hugs via texting.



My attempt of a virtual hug to all of you! I don't know – what do you think? It's okay, you can laugh! I laughed too.

Another friend talks about reaching out and talking to one person a day. Another says he tries to be mindful of a sound or hymn. Another person talks about tending to a spiritual practice such as the breathing prayer and listening for the sounds of God's creation. And then one more: just doing one thing just because you want to!

What might God be inviting us to be and do? May we truly listen, communicate our needs, be vulnerable, and depend on one another so we can reach out in love to our neighbor, while always remembering who and whose we are!

Blessings, Pastor Cathy



Way to Go Trinity!

During the Lenten season, we were able to collect.



37 jars of Peanut Butter
70 cans of Fruit
34 cans of Soup
50 cans of Vegetables
20 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
20 Dessert Mixes
29 packages of Ramen Noodles
6 bottles of Sparkling Water,
2 jars of Spaghetti Sauce
4 boxes of Cereal

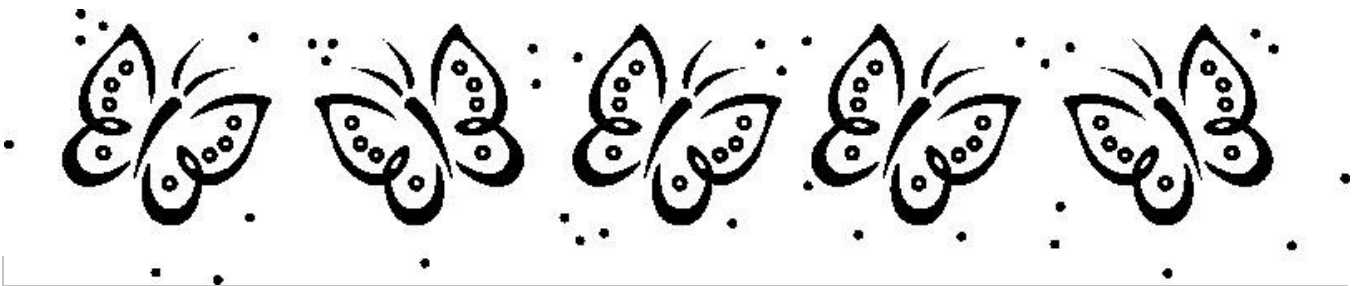
PLUS there is more at the church that will be collected and delivered when the church is reopened!

Now we again are asking your help for Grace's Pantry. Instead of distributing food in May, they will be giving gift cards to the Castalia Market (no alcohol or tobacco products), Toft's Dairy, and the Dollar Store. The amount on the cards will depend on the number of family members in the household. Grace's Pantry serves families living in Margaretta School District. You can donate by sending your check to Trinity Church and in the memo put "Grace's Pantry".

Need Facemasks? For those of you who are in need of masks during this time, you can find some in the mailbox by the church's elevator entrance. We ask that you take only ones you or your family will use. If you wish a donation can be made to the church's Community Mission fund by mail or in the offering plate when we are finally together again.



A special thanks to all seamstresses in the congregation who are using their skills to make the masks. If you have some to donate, leave a message on the church phone.



Even though you may feel damaged, you still have value



A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" 200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes. He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friend, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special - Don't ever forget it!"

To all our members and their families who are dealing directly in the fight with COVID-19. Your devotion and compassion for others continues to amaze us all. We are truly grateful for your work.

We continue to pray for ALL of God's creations.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2020

Monday, April 13, 2020

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	25,900.94
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	58,607.83
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	78,601.59
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,734.59
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	32,620.84
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	3,477.33
Total Assets		\$203,419.72
Liabilities		
2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	1.00
Total Liabilities		\$1.00
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	517.61
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	5,569.33
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	24,823.62
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	82,336.18
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	54,073.81
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	3,477.33
Total Designated Giving Fund Balance		\$164,710.94
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	32,620.84
Total Fund Balances		\$203,418.72
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$203,419.72



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - April 16, 2020 - 7:00 pm via Zoom (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Dave Miller.

Minutes of previous meeting (March 19) were reviewed. Sally made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for March was reviewed. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 2nd by Mike. Motion passed.

President's Report: After much discussion Barb made a motion to continue with our current process for church and sermons until it can be revisited at the next council meeting on May 21. If the possibility to open before then happens council will take appropriate measures to let everyone know it is open. 2nd by Sally. Motion passed. Sally hasn't received any feedback on whether any didn't want to be on the call list or that they were missed. Sally's ladies will make calls about church services continuing to be canceled. Several surveys have come back in now. Barb scanned them all in and they were emailed to the Transition team for review. Dave hopes to do a Zoom meeting with the Transition team next week sometime. There will be a May Newsletter so Carol will get that going so it can be printed next week.

Pastor's Report: We'll keep trucking along the best we can with what we are doing currently.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike stated that the church is not insured for viruses and illnesses such as COVID-19. The faucet in the downstairs family restroom has been fixed. Mike is still getting estimates on the tuck pointing, concrete work, and other repairs. Kreimes put in an estimate of \$6200 for pavement work at the Northwest entrance driveway along with some sidewalk work. The front steps of the parsonage need work and the railing on the side steps needs to be replaced. Maree Markley volunteered to pay to have the church carpets cleaned. Council accepted her generous offer.

New Business – Barb made a motion to pay the hub Webhosting invoice for \$160.86. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed. Council approved the continued regular payroll payment of all employees.

Council Thank-yous – Maree Markley for volunteering to pay for the cleaning of the church carpets.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Barb Wobser
Devotion leader for the next meeting is Judy Driscoll
Adjournment and the Lord's Prayer.

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).



MAY ALTAR CARE

Pat Wiedenheft, Chairperson
Alice Bertsch, Carrie Killingworth



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

CANCELLED FOR MAY



**June TIMES
Submissions Deadline:**

May 20

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

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AND IT
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DIME!**



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Trinity Lutheran Church.

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1. Visit: krogercommunityrewards.com
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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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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, their birthdates are listed with each member. 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 The Meadows at Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Ave., Huron, Ohio 44839

Margaret Lieb			June 27
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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

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
Bernie Neidler	1305 Ogontz, Sandusky	419-684-5274	B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30
Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky	419-684-5627	June 6
Barb Saylor	114 W. Menominee Trail, Sandusky		June 8
Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-624-7232	Feb. 11
Ron Wriker	101 Caswell Drive, Castalia		Apr. 6

MAY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dawn Hemmer
Phyllis Baum
Daniel Baum
Craig Stierhoff
Nellie Schenk
- 3 Hank Kleinoeder
- 4 Brevan Moore
- 5 Erica Miller
Mikayla Brown
- 6 Ann Strean
- 7 Patricia Wiedenheft
Kyle Markley
- 9 Stephen Sharp
- 10 Donald Kuns
- 11 Maryl Bango
- 12 Raina Chapman
Xander Bohn
Natalee Gast
- 13 Greg Stallard
Hunter Kingsborough
Lauren Pooch
- 14 Barbara Wobser
Chelsea Miller
- 15 Michael Ramsdell
Brynlee Stierhoff
- 16 Carrie Killingsworth
- 17 Rosa Thompson-
Markley
- 19 Lori Opfer
Donald Baum
- 20 Hollynn Hipp
Terrie Hirt
Kenneth Schenk
- 21 Linda Gantz
- 22 Kenasyn Powell



- 24 Daniel Miller
Regina Werner-Strauss
Bradley Barnes
Zachary Thrash
Tim Thompson
- 25 Jessica Opfer
David Wobser
Brian Hickman
- 26 Brandon Miller
Dawn Harris
Danielle Davie
Shelly Miller
Christian Stephens
- 27 Robert Chapman
- 28 Lane Hirt
Keith Miller
Kent Miller
Robert Wiedenheft
- 29 Ellene Kleinoeder
- 30 Hannah Stierhoff
Amy Palmison
- 31 Madison Harris
Sharon Pfann



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Craig & Betsy Stierhoff - 24th
- 6 Donald & Phyllis Baum - 59th
Robert & Charlene Zeno - 53rd
- 9 William & Terrie Hirt - 50th
- 11 Dale & Mary Meyer - 46th
- 12 Thomas & Jan Jenkins - 47th
- 14 Michael & Jennifer Gast - 15th
Rev Dane & Kristi Meuschke - 43rd
- 15 Daniel & Meredith Dietrich - 10th
- 16 Junior & Tasha Spears - 6th
- 21 John & Rebecca Lynn - 43rd
Joel & Suzanne Trout - 26th
- 23 Ronald & Marilee Werner - 50th
- 29 Kenneth & Marsha Schenk - 44th



Jim Bertsch in honor of Mike
Markley's retirement from Civista
Bank



Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of
Curt Miller's 90 Birthday

*Happy
50th
Anniversary*

Bill and Terrie Hirt

&

*Ron and Marilee
Werner*



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

- Maree Markley for the donation of having the church carpets cleaned.



HELPERS AT WORSHIP - May 2020 and June 2020

Altar Care: May - Pat Wiedenheft (chair), Alice Bertsch, Carrie Killingsworth June - Judy Driscoll (chair), Cathy Wobser

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 Service			10:30 Service		
			Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistant
Sunday Ushers in May - 8:00 - Rex Stierhoff, Roy Patterson, Barb Wobser 10:30 - Charles & Judy Howard, Bill Bertsch								
May 3								
May 10								
May 17								
May 24 Tentative	Dave & Sally Warner	Charles & Sandy Paseka	Lilah Werner	Penny Solem			Cathy Wobser	
May 31 Tentative								
Unity Service - Chancel Flowers: Larry & Pat Wiedenheft								
Sunday Ushers in June - 8:00 - Drew Koch, Barb Wobser, Mark Wiedenheft 10:30 - Gary Lieb, Ken Schenk, Ron Werner								
June 7 Tentative	Ruth Sieb		Trent Hershey	Russ Stephens	Sally Warner	Mason Russell	Candy Beatty	Barb Sessler
June 14 Tentative	Linda Gantz		Erica Miller	Dave Miller			Jim Bertsch	
June 21 Tentative			Brett Miller	Guy Miller	Penny Solem	Natalie Thompson	Barry Gill	Bob Troike
June 28 Tentative	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Mariska Farlow	Joyce Patterson			Candy Beatty	

MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 NA 11:00 am
3 Services Cancelled	4	5	6 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	7	8	9 NA 11:00 am
10 Services Cancelled	11	12	13 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	14 JoyTime - 6:00 pm	15	16 NA 11:00 am
17 Services Cancelled	18	19	20 Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	21 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	22	23 NA 11:00 am
24	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	28	29	30
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