



# Trinity Times

November  
2020

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DEAR GOD,  
“ I WANNA TAKE A MINUTE,  
NOT TO ASK FOR ANYTHING  
FROM YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO SAY  
THANK YOU, FOR ALL I HAVE ”

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The first thoughts that come to mind as I write this for the November newsletter is how different Thanksgiving and the holidays will be this year. And I imagine that at many tables, laden with the traditional fare of turkey, potatoes, and vegetables of various sorts as well as desserts, we will still try to have some sort of normality for the day of Thanksgiving. I know that at our table the inevitable question of: *what are we thankful for*, will be

asked just because it's Thanksgiving. It will be hard to feel blessed when not everyone, that is normally sitting around the table, will be present.

Yes, it's hard to think of being thankful when our life seems to have been interrupted. And it's hard to think of blessings. So what do you do with those hard and difficult times when being thankful is the farthest thing on your mind. Do we simply write them off as times with a sense that God has forsaken us?

During this time, I can't help but think of the prophets from the Old Testament as they would lament about feeling that God had left them alone. In Psalm 22 we read: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* We also find Job declaring that he cannot *behold him* – meaning God (Job 23:8-9). But if we stopped with just the laments of the saints who have gone before us, we would never hear of the strong presence of God in our lives, no matter what the circumstance. *Fear not, for I am with you*, declares God to Job and even the Psalmist in Chapter 23 states: *I will fear no evil for you are with me*. The prophet's laments turn to thankfulness, as they realize God has never left their side.

Thanksgiving is not only a time to count our blessings of having loved ones around, or the accomplishments we've been blessed with in our lives over the past year. It is also a time to remember that no matter what type of circumstance befalls us, God continues to walk with us and fulfills God's promises. So, as we gather at our tables on Thanksgiving Day - which will be far from normal, let us start with giving thanks to God for God is Immanuel – God is with us.

This year, as with all traditions, we will be doing our Thanksgiving Eve service a little different. Trinity has recently subscribed to Zoom and we now have an account. Instead of doing a pre-recorded Facebook devotion, we are going to experiment by using Zoom on Thanksgiving Eve. This will allow us to have some interaction with one another. And, it allows me to give you some homework! So, before our devotion time on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm. I want you to think about a couple of questions which I've listed below and then we will take time to share them and then I'll write them on our *Thankful Pumpkin*.

- 1) Where have you seen God in your life?
- 2) I am grateful you (mom, dad, sister/brother, grandma/grandpa, etc) are in my life because.....
- 3) Other things you are grateful for on this day?

Please know, I count each of you as a blessing in my life and give thanks to God for your ministry.

Blessings,

Pastor Cathy



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# Worship Music & Ministry



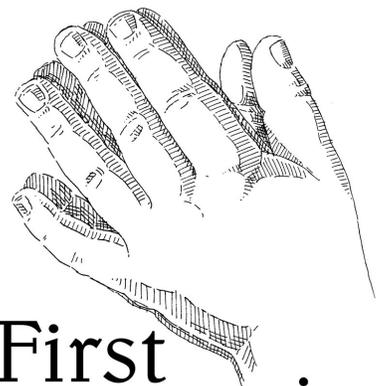
*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

Having worship outside has been both challenging and fulfilling. We will continue to worship outside as long as the weather permits. But, if you choose, we are still recording every Friday morning at 10:00 am and you are more than welcome to attend this service inside also. We follow all the safety precautions for the Covid and we ask that you do also.

And please remember that at any time you can send in your offering envelopes we would appreciate it. Work still continues to be done around the church and your financial help is appreciated. Worship services at Trinity are not a “Pay to Participate” event. So, even if you feel you can’t worship in person at this time, your financial support of your church and it’s work is, and will be most welcomed.



On Sunday, November 1, some of our children in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be joining us for the first time at the Communion Table. After some wonderful instructions on Holy Communion with Pastor Cathy, these students, along with their parents and families will break bread and taste the wine as Christ’s body and blood in communion with us all. At the time of the printing of this newsletter, these are the following children that will be participating; Claire Conner, Bentley Koch, Tarah Hershey, and Mason Russell. May God bless them all as they experience this important milestone in their young lives!



## First Communion

# Congratulations!





## **Thankoffering Boxes**

**Will be available soon**

**You will be able to pick them up in the church sanctuary or call the church office and Carol will mail one out to you or meet you at the church door.**

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

**Return on Christmas Eve**

**Donations support Trinity's  
Community Mission Fund**

### **Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for November**

**Turkey and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes  
Sweet Potato Casserole  
Dressing  
Butter Bread  
Pumpkin Pie**

**Jim and his crew are 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.**



# Novemberfest!

Ja, wohl! Es ist Trinity Lutheran's Annual

## Pork und Sauerkraut Dinner

*Carry-outs only*

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**Sunday, November 1**

**11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky**

**Donations Only - Carry-outs Only**

**All Donations Support Trinity's Community Mission Fund**



We have once again been asked to help with Christmas at Project Share in Castalia this year. Starting November 1, there will be a tree outside the church office with the items they are asking our members to get for those families in need in the Margaretta township area. All you need to do is take a star, purchase the item, and return it to the church. They handle the wrapping of the item. We ask that all items be returned by December 1.

Now, if you aren't into coming back to worship yet but would still like to help, simply call the church office and Carol will help you with picking out an item or two from the tree. And you simply have to return it to the church during office hours.

They thank us in advance for helping with this project that is sure to help out some families in need of basic household items this holiday season.

If you are getting rid of any good, used winter coats, hats, gloves, and blankets, we are collecting them to help the homeless in the Sandusky area. Please bring in what you have and we'll make sure to get it to the right person in charge of this project.

And, even though Care and Share is closed right now, we will still be collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for the sock/mitten tree again this year. Bring these items with you to worship or drop them off at the church office during the morning hours and we'll see to it that they make it on the tree and to those who need them most.



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

Monday, October 19, 2020

Page 1 of 1  
YTD Balance

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	31,446.18
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	61,548.16
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	456.60
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	96,648.09
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,774.23
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	37,286.16
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,198.42
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$233,377.84</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	7,340.72
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,888.83
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	26,295.62
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	100,432.32
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	55,885.77
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,248.42
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$184,862.13</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	37,286.16
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$233,377.84</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$233,377.84</u></b>

# COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Highlights - October 15, 2020 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President, Dave Miller.

Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch.

Minutes of previous meeting (September) were reviewed. Sally made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the correction under Mission Service to change the Mission Endowment Fund to Community Mission Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for September was reviewed. Jim stated that the quarterly reports from Thrivent show that most everything is back up. Barb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. Motion passed.

President's Report: A letter from Jean Cline was received and discussed. Considering the circumstances, attendance has been good. Sunday School will be starting back up at 10:00 am on Sundays. The Transition Team had their last meeting. As soon as the new council is set in 2021 the Call Committee will be setup. Sally made a motion to accept the agenda for the Congregational Council meeting on October 25. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph has been exposed to COVID and he and Pat are now on a two-week quarantine. Pastor Cathy is looking into doing a Zoom type devotion for Thanksgiving Eve. First Communion and All Saints Sunday will take place on November 1.

Congregational Care Ministry Team Report: Dave will get with Barry on who could take over this team in 2021.

Faith Builders – Barb Wobser – Barb is looking into doing Confirmation on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Mission Service – Judy Driscoll – Community Mission Fund Recommendations were discussed. Jim made some suggested changes to what was proposed. The pork and sauerkraut dinner will happen on November 1. It will be carry out only and it will be cancelled if the county goes back into the red zone.

Property – Mike Markley – Mike has the new weather stripping installed on the west educational wing glass paneled doors. The new front sanctuary doors are being installed. Janotta and Herner have about 80% of the south set of doors done. Mike shared his 2021 wish list. Council asked that instead of trimming trees that Mike get an estimate for new flooring in the church office since he is going to paint.

Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch – Jim presented the proposed recommendations for the Endowment Fund proceeds. Jim made a motion to accept the proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Motion passed. Salaries were discussed for 2021. Jim made a motion to not give any raises for 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Motion passed. Council approved \$500 for each Pastor and Council Discretionary Account. Candy made a motion to accept the budget as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally. Motion passed.

New Business – Carol will be off work on November 2 and 3 for carpal tunnel surgery. Linda will be in to cover those days and she will also come in and help Carol the rest of that week.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Candy Beatty.

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
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).



***December TIMES***  
**Submissions Deadline:**  
**November 20**

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

## Remembering Someone Special

On this special day, we take an important step in life,  
And also remember the one who taught us, through every step and strife.  
Today as we go before God, one by one,  
We stand to realize what one special man has done.  
He taught and he guided us to this certain day,  
So that we may know God's works, in every little way.  
This man, though a teacher, a special kind of friend,  
One to share your feelings, when your heart was on the mend.  
One who told of stories that happened in the past,  
Creating special memories that will always seem to last.  
He always was involved, caring for the youth,  
Helping other's learn of God's truth.  
Today, and forever, he will be known special to us all,  
So now we pray, and ask God to listen to our call.  
That he will be safe in heaven, and know that we all care,  
For him our feelings of sorrow, we still do share.  
This man who has done so many wonderful things,  
will always be close in our hears,  
And never will be forgotten till the day that we do part.  
To be with him in heaven, to tell him how we feel  
and what we need to say,  
To give a special thanks, for bringing us to this day.

By: Krista Kleinoeder





# 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 10/1/20)

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

Iretta Gast                      Rm #318                                      419-308-4269                                      Birthday - July 15

### **At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Geraldine Watson              Rm #128    Birthday - Oct. 6

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**

Dorothy Miller                      Rm #72    Birthday - June 20

### **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

### **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

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.

# NOVEMBER MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Marsh Schenk     |                       |
| 2 Sandra Ramon     |                       |
| 3 Thomas Jenkins   |                       |
| Emma Manley        |                       |
| Sally Warner       |                       |
| 4 Jody Cooper      |                       |
| Claire Conner      | 14 Holly Miller       |
| Kimberly Wright    | 15 Betsy Stierhoff    |
| 5 Zane Warner      | 16 Bernard Neidler    |
| 6 Natalie Thompson | Jade Stierhoff        |
| 7 Shelby Koch      | 17 Tom Oddo           |
| Landon Palmison    | 20 Kathy Barnes       |
| 8 Becky Barnes     | 21 Daniel Strayer     |
| Kyleigh Hemmer     | 22 Brynn Miller       |
| Kathy Bango        | Bob Zeno              |
| 10 Jenna Stierhoff | 25 Jeff Hirt          |
| 11 Larry Strack    | 26 Cynthia Canter     |
| Robert Gray        | 27 Susanne Lemert     |
| Brodie Dauch       | Jerry Claus           |
| 12 Michael Lieb    | 28 Millie McCready    |
| Krissy Gray        | 29 Brett Miller       |
| 13 Deseray Huff    | 30 Gabrielle Heilmann |



## ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3 Donald & Kathy Parker - 47th        |  |
| Matthew & Jennifer Lesch - 19th       |  |
| 8 Kenneth & Deborah Pfann - 12th      |  |
| 13 Wesley & Betty Miller - 55th       |  |
| 14 Jeffrey & Jessica Hirt - 11th      |  |
| 16 Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft - 46th |  |
| 17 Daniel & Lori Schlick - 13th       |  |
| 18 Gary & Bonnie Lieb - 53rd          |  |
| 20 Allen & Kathleen Miller - 39th     |  |
| 22 Kent & Janis Miller - 23rd         |  |
| 28 David & Cathy Wobser - 45th        |  |



Jim Bertsch, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Roy & Joyce Patterson, Linda Gantz in memory of John Corbin

Sandy & Chuck Paseka in memory of Kay Braden

Jack & Brenda Ried in celebration of RoseMarie Canter's birthday



Don & Alice Kuns in memory of Kenny Roeser



Congratulations to A1C John E Harris III for being the Airman of the quarter July through September 2020. John is the son of John and Dawn Harris



Jean Holbrook has moved to West Virginia to be closer to her children. Please update your address for her.

Jean Holbrook  
555A Cooper St  
Harrisville WV 26362



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

- To Fred Wobser for the purchase of the new sanctuary doors in loving memory of his wife, MaryAnn.



# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - November 2020 and December 2020

Altar Care: November - Betty Miller (chair), Janis Miller, Pat Wiedenheft      December - Ann Streaan (chair), Barb Wobset, Sally Warner

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	9:00 Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant
November 1	Ken & Marsha Schenk		Mark Wiedenheft	Candy Beatty	Candy Beatty
November 8	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Gary Lieb	Jim Bertsch	
November 15	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Barry Gill	Barry Gill	Barry Gill
November 22	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Denny Sessler	Guy Miller	
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service will be via Zoom Only at 7:00 pm. Watch Facebook, the weekly bulletin, and other parts of the Newsletter for more information				
November 29 1 Advent		Tal & Ann Streaan	Rich Miller	Sally Warner	
December 6 2 Advent	Chet & Penny Solem	Judy Driscoll			
December 13 3 Advent	Gary & Bonnie Lieb				
December 20 4 Advent	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft				
December 24 Christmas Eve	Orpha Densmore				
December 27	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff	Charlie & Kathy Bango			

# NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Service - 9:00 am only	2	3	4 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	5	6	7 NA 11 am
8 Worship Service - 9:00 am only	9	10	11 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 NA 11:00 am
15 Communion Service - 9:00 am only	16	17	18 Crossroads Meal -1:00 Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	20	21 NA 11:00 am
22 Worship Service - 9:00 am only	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Service ZOOM ONLY 7 pm Nar-Anon 7 pm NA 7:00 pm	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 NA 11:00 am
29 Worship Service - 9:00 am only	30	31				

**POINSETTIAS FOR  
OUR  
CHURCH ON  
CHRISTMAS EVE**



Use this order form, attach payment, and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.** All orders must be received in the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 at NOON!**

Plants may be taken home following worship service on Christmas Eve.

INDICATE NUMBER AND COLOR OF PLANTS ORDERED  
(all are 6.5" pots)



Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash

RED	WHITE	PINK	GLITTER	OFFICE CHOICE	TOTAL NO. OF PLANTS	Amount at \$7.00 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION for CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN:

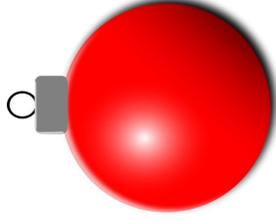
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*...or pass on the poinsettias  
and do something else!*



Watch your bulletin and  
December  
Newsletter for more  
information  
on this project.

