

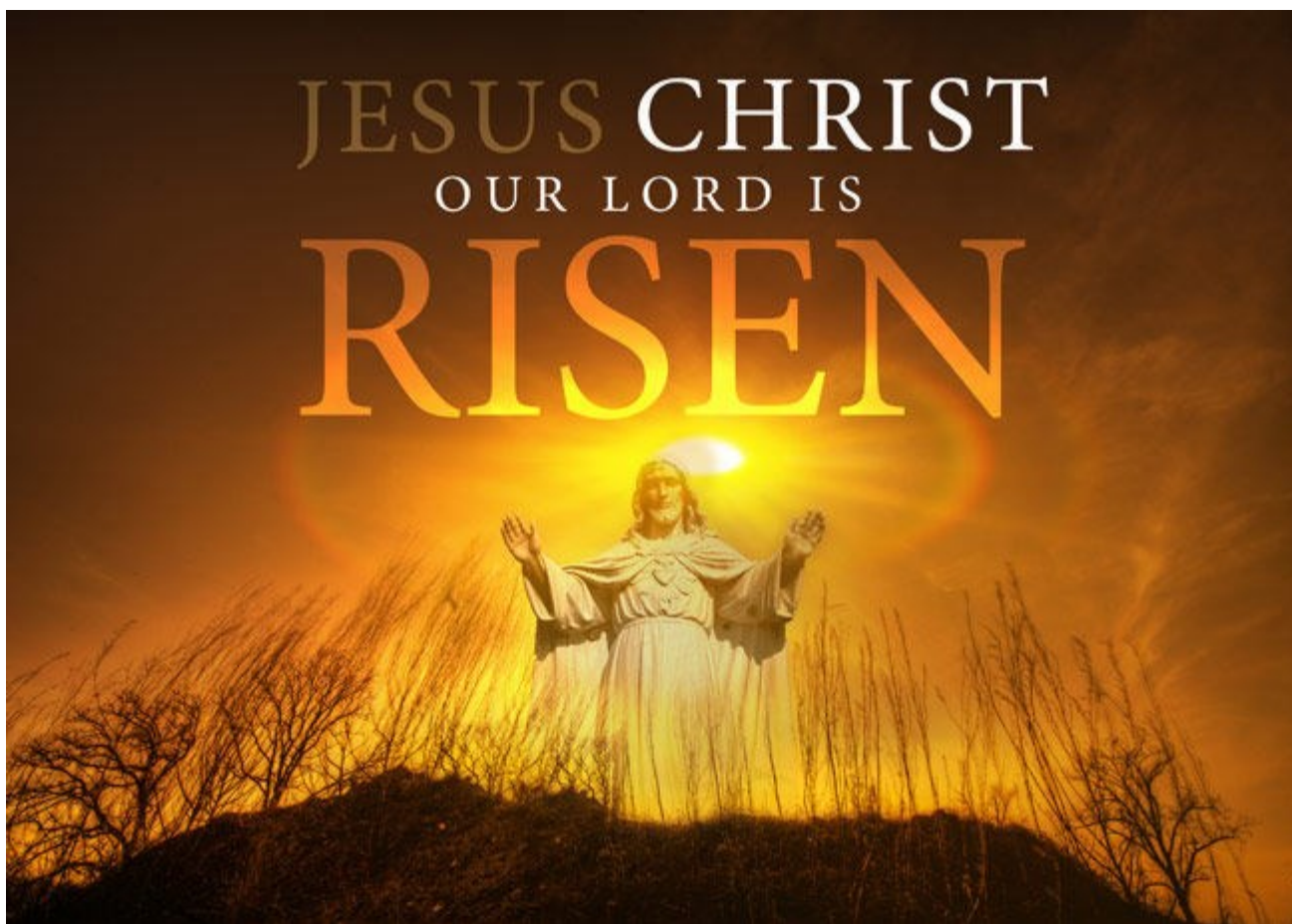


# Trinity Times

April  
2023

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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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“Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!”

Well, here we are, once more at the Easter Season. It is a time when we will once again celebrate Jesus entry into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. We again hear the story of Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room. And, we will also relive the story of his Crucifixion. And then, on Easter, we will join in with all the churches on earth, shouting the joyous news, “He is not here. He has risen!” We do this every year, but has it really changed any thing? We leave the worship on Easter morning, having sung the glorious hymns of the Resurrection. We are reminded again that this all took place in order that we might know God's love and forgiveness. But, has it changed the way we think and act? We are told to walk in His footsteps. But do we do that? Remember, Jesus didn't lord it over anyone. Rather than sit in a position of authority, demanding that everyone do as He order them, or they would pay the price, he walked with the outsiders. He ministered to the down and out people. He opposed all who would lord it over everyone, making people follow their ideas of what is true and just. He walked with humble fishermen, he lifted up the humble shepherd, he fed and healed the lowly. He did say that we should follow his example. So, as we celebrate this Easter season, let us remember that in spite of our own joyous celebrations, we are celebrating the love of the one who gave of himself so that all might have hope, and love in the love of God. And this is what we are celebrating, and what we should be sharing all year long. As we say in that beloved verse in John, “God so loved to word that he gave His only Son, so that all who believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.” This the message of love. As we celebrate that promise, may we pray that we also, might live that love with all who we meet, not judging them, because they are other than fellow children of God for who Christ died.

Pastor Ralph

## **YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY**

### **INTERIM PASTORS -**

The Rev. Ralph Schibler

The Rev. Catherine Schibler

### **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Carol Dahs

**MUSICIAN:** Adele Hoffman

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

### **COORDINATOR:**

Sally Warner - 419 684-7850

### **CUSTODIANS:**

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

**PRESIDENT:** Carrie Wiedenheft

**TREASURER:** Jim Bertsch

**DATA ENTRY:** Shannon Limberios

**OFFICE PHONE:** 419 626-0204

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

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Kids will do their palm  
procession

## PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



Holy Week Services here at  
Trinity

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 7 at 7:00 pm

8:00 am and 10:30 am

He Has Risen

JOIN US FOR

# EASTER

CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOUR



Unity Sunday - April 30 - One service - 9:00 am

Our confirmation students and the Sunday School kids will be participating in this fifth Sunday service by doing the readings, prayers, and a short skit in place of the sermon. Centered around then 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the children will help us to see a different side to the meaning of this Psalm. A 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm challenge will take place during the month of April amongst the kids and it may be a good time for everyone to brush up on learning or re-learning the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

So, on this UNITY SUNDAY, let's all come together to worship and praise God for all that He has done and continues to do for us daily!





# Good Friday Youth Day Camp

Youth Day Camp is set for April 7 and our focus will be on Good Friday and All of God's Creatures! So, for the next couple weeks until Easter we will still be collecting items to give to the Erie County Dog Pound. This is the wish list they have given us: **bleach, trash bags, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, fabric softener sheets, puppy food, dog collars, rawhide chewies, and old blankets, towels, or sheets.** There will be a large trash container in the upstairs gathering area to place your donations in. We thank you in advance for helping us with this project.



*Thank You!*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

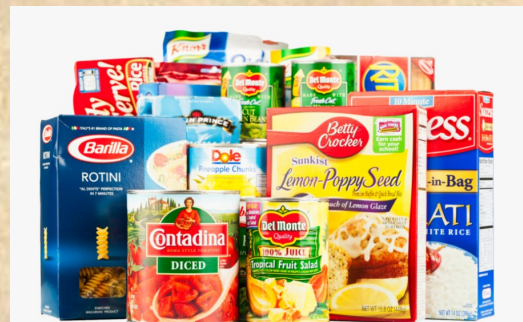


**The Community Mission Committee  
is holding a non perishable food drive for  
Grace's Food Pantry  
for the month of April**

**Some suggested items are:**

**Cans of Soup**  
**Canned Pasta (like SpaghettiOs, Ravioli)**  
**Pasta Noodles**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Jelly**  
**Cereal**  
**Tuna/Hamburger Helper**

**There will be a basket to place your items in the education hallway.**



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH**  
**Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2023**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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***Assets***

1.100.102	Checking Account	56,182.03
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	57,469.38
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	844.88
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	87,954.90
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,895.27
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	268,686.65
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	19,972.80
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	48,386.25
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,454.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$545,866.16</b>

***Liabilities***

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	84.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	89.92
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	15.06
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$188.98</b>

***Fund Balances***

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	60,138.98
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,094.76
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	36,547.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	91,850.17
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,518.80
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,454.00
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	268,686.65
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$434,057.19</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	48,386.25
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$545,677.18</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$545,866.16</b>



The candidate the Call Committee interviewed declined a second interview with us. A mock interview is being setup to see if we can fix any problems we maybe having with getting a candidate to come for a second interview.

# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - March 16, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Millie McCready

Minutes of previous meeting (February 2023) were reviewed. Millie made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for February 2023 was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Millie. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie reported that the Call Committee did interview a candidate. The candidate declined a second interview with council.

Pastor – P. Ralph asked again that we get more people to help with the videoing of a service on Sunday morning. Kathy Bango said she would try to help. Carol will get her some instructions. Carol will try and get the office laptop setup and see if it works better. Carol will do some calling around to see about a new sound/recording system. P. Ralph gave everyone an update on Norm Stierhoff.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – She has stocked up the kitchen. They have something for Mother's Day in the works. She is going to send out a survey about doing some gatherings throughout the year.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – There is another day camp scheduled for Good Friday with the kids. They are collecting items for the Erie County Dog Pound currently for this camp. It was requested Carol send Sally a sheet on the Hopewood camps that she gave to council last month.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – Jim reported that they will be doing a donation collection for Grace's Food Pantry in April. They will do a few other projects like this throughout the year.

Property – Jim was able to fix the cross at the end of the building. Progiest was out and inspected all the fire extinguishers. One was replaced due to the expiration date. It was requested we see if anyone inspects the fire exit signs. A facility use form from Barb Wobser was approved. Fee was waived since it is for a church bible study. State Elevator Inspector was in, he closed the elevator down because we were out of date on our safety inspection. Carol was able to get American Home Elevator out that day and they did their inspection and talked to the state inspector and got the elevator reopened that day.

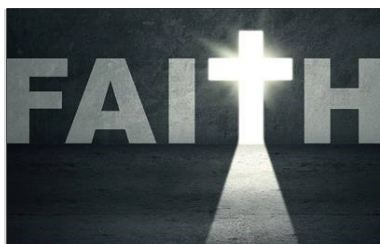
Stewardship and Finance - Jim Bertsch – The financial audit caught an invoice from Stanley that we never received. It was resent to us and promptly paid.

Witness and Welcome – Millie McCready – Millie visited Shirley Miller and Ruth Sieb. She had a good visit with both.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Nancy told council that it was being considered that the acolytes do not have to wear their robes, after council discussion it was decided that the acolytes must wear the robes. Signs have been posted for those to sign up for being Lector, Communion Assistant, or both. The April 30 Sunday will be done by the kids, July 30 will maybe be a Scott Sessler video, October 29 is Reformation Sunday and will be a normal Sunday, and December 31 will be a hymn Sunday. Nancy will ask her committee about doing away with the one service 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Memorial envelopes for Easter have been put out as an option other than flowers or chicks for Easter memorials. Nancy stated that it was suggested that we reach out to former members of St. Paul and invite them to join Trinity for some services. Nancy will investigate the Parish Nurse Program through the ELCA and see if we can do that here at different times. It was suggested that we have a simple Easter breakfast between service Easter Sunday. Kathy Bango will see about this.

Old Business – Carol is working on getting the new directory listing ready for printing. The AED/First Aid Awareness is scheduled on March 26 with Gayle Thompson. The Narcan we have does not expire until January 2024.

New Business – It was requested that we use white grape juice, so it is easier to decipher from the wine. Pat will look into this and see about getting some fresh OJ for first aid emergencies.



## **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 3/22/23)

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

Ruby Stierhoff	Rm #114	Birthday - July 26
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**At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811**

**At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

Paul Wiedenheft	Birthday - Oct. 11
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**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
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**Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870**

Ray Remy	Apt. 112	Birthday - Feb 9
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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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Dan Miller	5708 Bogart Road, Castalia	419-684-5274	Birthday: May 24
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Bernie Neidler	1305 Ogontz St, Sandusky	419-625-4839	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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Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-684-7232	Feb. 11
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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.



## **Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for April 19, 2023**

**Beef Stew  
Mashed Potatoes  
Salad  
Roll/Butter  
Ice Cream and Strawberry topping**

**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.**



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

**NONE IN APRIL**

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

**CHECK THIS OUT!**

The Congregational Life Committee is trying to discover new events or gatherings for our congregation. Please complete the survey at the back of the newsletter and return the survey to Kathy Bango or the box in the office hallway as quickly as possible, but no later than Monday, April 17. Please complete one survey per adult member. The survey can be completed using the paper copy of by accessing the anonymous survey online. There is a QR code to scan at the top of the survey or visit:

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/4tol>

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bango, Congregational Life Chairperson. Thanks for your help! We are looking forward to exploring new ideas for the upcoming year.





# APRIL MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Shirley Miller  
Carrie Wiedenheft
- 8 Robert Troike
- 9 Harold Schonhardt
- 10 Charles Howard
- 12 Orpha Densmore
- 15 Guy Miller
- 16 Thomas Kingsborough
- 19 Betty Roeser  
Gail Lococo
- 20 Kenneth Grahl
- 25 Alice Bertsch
- 26 Charles Paseka



## ANNIVERSARIES



20 Roy & Joyce Patterson - 60th

In memory of Curt Miller's  
birthday from his family



Many Thanks to the Trinity Bereavement Meal  
Committee for the wonderful luncheon  
following Norm's funeral. And to all at  
Trinity for their love and support through this  
difficult time.

The Stierhoff Family



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

- To Gayle Thompson for doing the AED training.



# APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>Palm Sunday</b>	3	4	5 NA 7:00 pm	6 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	7 Carol on Vacation Youth Day Camp Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	1 NA 11:00 8 NA 11:00
<b>9</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10 Office Closed Holiday	11	12 NA 7:00 pm	13	14	15 NA 11:00 am
<b>16</b> Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	17	18	19 Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	20 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	21	22 NA 11:00 am
<b>23</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	24	25	26 NA 7:00 pm	27	28	29 NA 11:00 am
<b>30</b> Lay-led Service 9:00 am <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>						

# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - April 2023 and May 2023

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for April: Pat Wiedenheft      8:00 am Communion Assistant - Barb Sessler, 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
April 2	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Cindy Norman	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Brock Parker	Bill Bertsch	Gayle Thompson	Eli Conner
April 6 & 7	April 6 (Maundy Thurs), Lector: Jim Bertsch, Usher: Rex Stierhoff, Acolyte: Zane Warner, Flowers:		April 7 (Good Friday), Lector: Candy Beatty, Usher: Ken Schenk, Acolyte: Natalie Thompson					
April 9	Larry & Pat Wiedenheft	Betty Roeser	Guy Miller	Millie McCready	Emma Killingsworth	Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner
April 16	Roy & Joyce Patterson		Roy Patterson	Russ Stephens	Mya Smith	Charles Howard	Jim Bertsch	Brock Parker
April 23	Jim Bertsch		Roy Patterson	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Charles Howard	Candy Beatty	Mason Russell
April 30 (9:00 am only)	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Roy Patterson	Sally Warner	Carlie Wiedenheft			
Altar Care for May: Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth      8:00 am Communion Assistant - Guy Miller, 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
May 7	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth	Dave & Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Guy Miller	Erica Miller	Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Natalie Thompson
May 14	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Fred Wobser	Sally Warner	Joyce Patterson	Tyler Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner
May 21			Fred Wobser	Millie McCready	Mya Smith	Ken Schenk	Gayle Thompson	Eli Conner
May 28	Dave & Sally Warner		Fred Wobser	Russ Stevens	Zane Warner	Ken Schenk	Jim Bertsch	Brock Parker

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of April

## April 2 - Palm Sunday

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** - *The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*  
**Psalm 31:9-16** - Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)  
**Philippians 2:5-11** - *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*  
**Matthew 26:14--27:66** - *The passion of the Lord*

**Prayer of the Day:** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## April 9 - Easter Sunday

**Acts 10:34-43** - *God raised Jesus on the third day*  
**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** - This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)  
**Colossians 3:1-4** - *Raised with Christ to seek the higher things*  
**Matthew 28:1-10** - *Proclaim the resurrection*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32** - *Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David*  
**Psalm 16** - In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)  
**1 Peter 1:3-9** - *New birth to a living hope through the resurrection*  
**John 20:19-31** - *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41** - *Receiving God's promise through baptism*  
**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19** - I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)  
**1 Peter 1:17-23** - *Born anew through the living word of God*  
**Luke 24:13-35** - *Eating with the risen Christ*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 2:42-47** - *The believers' common life*  
**Psalm 23** - The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)  
**1 Peter 2:19-25** - *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*  
**John 10:1-10** - *Christ the shepherd*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



# FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

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

**When: Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
(or until sold out)

**How: Free Drive-thru pickup**  
in the back of church

## **MENU:**

**PULLED PORK,**  
**AU GRATIN POTATOES, ROLL ,**  
**APPLESAUCE & DESSERT**





A faith-based 501(c)3 Charitable Agency

Just a note:

Trinity provides them with the largest amount of money from the Community Mission Fund.

**Mission:** To serve qualifying residents of Erie County fairly and with dignity in providing emergency and supplemental food, clothing, linens, and housewares as available.

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CareAndShareErie  
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January 30, 2023 2/20/23

Dear Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

As I look forward to what the New Year holds for Care and Share (CnS) I must stop and pause to give thanks for all that CnS has been able to accomplish in 2022 due to your continued support of our mission.

CnS is seeing a significant increase in need. We have clients returning for assistance from 2017, 2018, and 2019. In the past 5 months, we have gone from serving 1100 individuals/month to 1700/month. That is 499 families to 645 families monthly. If transportation were not such a challenge for people, our numbers would be even greater. Year to date we have purchased 222,066 pounds from food banks; this does not include fresh produce from stores, weekly purchases from local stores, or the food donations we receive.

Our partner, Second Harvest Food Bank has been struggling with supply chain issues, the quantity and variety they are able to offer reflects this. As our primary source for food, 8 pages of order sheets are now barely 3 pages long. Second Harvest is a tremendous advocate, representing us and our regions increasing needs to legislators for funding and programs to be sustained. They have worked tirelessly to communicate the increase in need. The good news is they have made headway by obtaining funding. This funding will take time to trickle down and translate into food items offered on their order sheets to being on our shelves.

In an effort to avoid empty shelves, CnS purchased it's first semi-truck load of food from a national food bank which we received in November. PLEASE NOTE: this could not have been accomplished without 1) your financial support, 2) The Board of Directors understanding the need to insure CnS has food to provide this winter approved a significant financial expenditure. Our first semi-truck of food



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in our 50+ years of service to the community!! 2) The volunteers stepped right up; they sourced, picked up and assembled pallet racks to enable our limited space to accommodate the shipment. Then they unloaded 17 pallets in less than 45 minutes without having a receiving dock – Phenomenal!

This is just one of many accomplishments this past year, to name a few others:

- 1) Significant increase in fresh produce, healthy foods for our clients,
- 2) Increased collaboration with a variety of other agencies,
- 3) Increased outreach to create awareness to client of the services we provide (logo for recognition/branding, website built, brochure, social media, participation in events in the community, improved client experience –word of mouth),
- 4) Increased volunteerism amongst our clients, they are grateful and want to give back;
- 5) Through the generosity of our foundations, we were able to replace our 2003 Box truck so we can do more in the community. I can even drive it and do pick-ups as needed!

*Thank you for the \$3,375<sup>00</sup> donation!*

God has provided me with many tools to fill my toolbox, along my journey, to do his work through Care and Share. To be part of such a wonderful organization is a blessing and honor.

**We wish you all a very blessed, happy and healthy New Year.**

With sincere Gratitude,

*Anita Kromer*

Anita Kromer, Executive Director  
& the Board of Directors

*“Where a community’s charity and love  
prevail for neighbors and friends.”*

*Blessed & Grateful*







*From dusk to dawn,  
from start to finish,  
from death to life,  
from the cross  
to the throne...*

*Jesus  
is risen!*



FOR I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH. JOB 19:25





## HELP US IMPROVE!

*Please tell us what you think.*

*Please complete the survey one time per adult member by using this paper copy or online at <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/4tol> copy or by using the QR code (upper left corner). With church attendance down, it is more important than ever for church council members to understand what members need and/or would like to have available to help in determining how to make changes to attract new members and/or re-engage current members.*

Would you be interested in using services, medical screenings, or wellness checks provided at church from a parish nurse? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Do you watch online church services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, do you watch online services provided by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What other online church services do you watch or listen to? \_\_\_\_\_

*The Congregational Life Committee would like your participation in answering the following:*

How long have you been a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church?

☐ Less than one year ☐ 1 – 5 years ☐ 5 -10 years ☐ 10-20 years ☐ 20+ years

Which service time do you normally attend? ☐ 8:00 a.m. ☐ 10:30 a.m.

Please select all of the following that you enjoy or think that you would enjoy at church:

- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee & Cookies After Church Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Picnic                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Meals                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers' Day Gift                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Periodically During Year    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers' Day Gathering               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement Meals                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fathers' Day Gift                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Breakfast Between Services     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fathers' Day Gathering               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Breakfast Between Services |

Do you have any suggestions for new events or gatherings for our congregation to gather together for Christian fellowship?

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Please return the completed survey as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Surveys may be emailed to [cbango@bex.net](mailto:cbango@bex.net), mailed to Kathy Bango at 218 East Parish Street; Sandusky, OH 44870, or dropped into the Survey Box located in the church office.

Thank you for helping the Congregational Life Committee!

Kathy Bango  
Congregational Life Chairperson