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**Be part of the solution,
not part of the problem.**

Stephen R. Covey

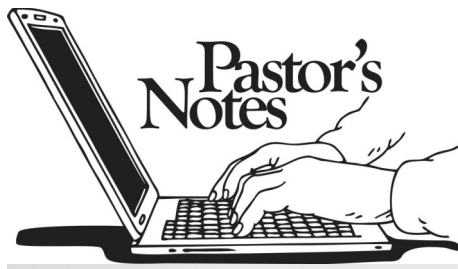
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In the recent "Living Lutheran Magazine", Bishop Eaton wrote an article entitled, "Who is a "Real" American?" In it, she talks about the fact that she lives in a very diverse community. She says that in her community, 90 languages are spoken. The stores have both kosher and halal foods. People

walk the streets in jeans, saris, and yarmulkes. She said that one day she had been working hard in her yard all day. As she was finishing up, she noticed a woman coming down the street, so she tried to clean the sidewalk so the woman could get through. However, the woman stopped and handed her a meal for her and her husband. She told her that she had seen her working hard all day, and thought she needed a break. It was the time of the Feast of Ramadan, when Muslims fast all day, and eat in the evening. She had seen Bishop Eaton working all day and prepared the extra meal for them.

Bishop Eaton commented there has been an awful lot of hate speech and violence in our country lately against those of different ethnic backgrounds. She said there has been increased polarization in our country as well as in the church. She raises the question, "Who is really American and/or Christian?"

I think you and I have seen this as well. Look at the violence around us. We read about it every day and see it on the news. We see it in our government and our communities. Perhaps some have even seen or experienced it in person. As we see it happening in the church, we might ask, "Who are the real Christians?" Just because we attend church does not necessarily mean that we are Christian. We show that we are followers of Christ by how we live and act to other human beings. Do we bring dinner to someone we have seen that has been working hard all day, even though they may be of a different ethnicity or religion? As we see the division and anger going on in our culture today, are we working to fix the problem, or are we part of the problem? Pray that God would give us the strength and faith to be fixers, and not the problem.

Pastor Ralph

December 16, 2023

National Wreaths Across America Day



Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that seeks to place a fresh wreath on each Veterans grave in the United States at Christmas time. Last year over 2.7 million wreaths were placed on graves in all 50 U.S. states.

This year, The Community Mission Team, along with the members of Trinity have become sponsors for this organization. And it has been decided to start our kick-off of selling these wreaths with a "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" theme.

We would like to sponsor at least 60 wreaths as this will cover the number of veterans' graves in the Venice cemetery. And of course, any extra will be used to make sure every veteran has a wreath at their grave on Christmas.

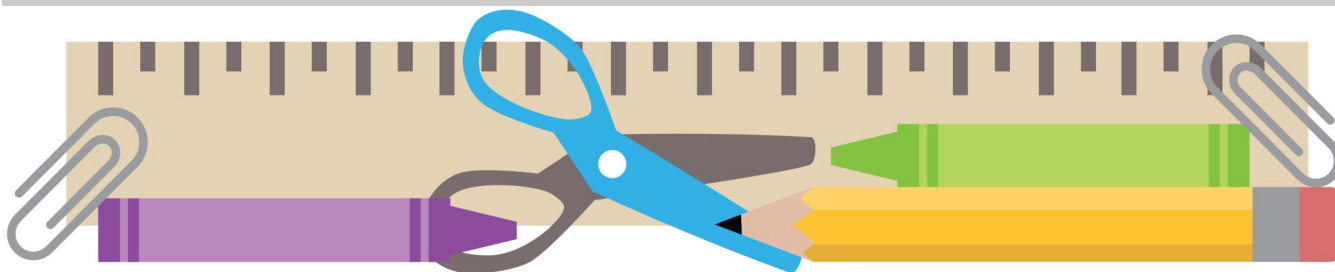
There are different ways you can contribute. 1. Donate any amount of money to go towards the purchase of the wreaths. 2. Sponsor a wreath for \$17.00 or sponsor 2 wreaths and we will receive 1 wreath free.

There are Sponsorship order forms by the Christmas tree outside the church office for you to take and fill out or fill one out now and leave it in the box by the tree. All the information is on these order forms so please take time to read it over. If you would like a wreath placed at a grave site for someone who is not in the Venice cemetery or even in the state of Ohio, make sure to fill out the Special Requests section at the bottom of the sponsorship form and they will make sure to get one on your special grave if you cannot do so yourself.

We will be doing this project until the 1st of November, but we thought we would start out early so you aren't adding this to your Christmas shopping list and expenses.

Please, join us for our 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA' fundraiser and help us to bring a wreath to the graves of those who sacrificed so much for us so we may live with the freedoms we have!

THE COMMUNITY MISSION TEAM WILL BE COLLECTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THIS FALL'S CLASSES. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS THEY RECEIVE THE LIST FROM THE SCHOOLS THEY ARE WORKING WITH.



Let us
consider
our callings,
let us *reflect*
on our
responsibilities, and
let us *follow*
Jesus Christ

Thomas S. Monson



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2023

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

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Account #

Account Name

YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	61,202.56
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	58,759.09
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	855.18
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	93,466.59
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,904.43
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	272,262.43
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	39,930.20
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	51,635.11
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,693.84
	Total Assets	\$584,729.43

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	15.60
	Total Liabilities	\$189.52

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	71,985.38
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	10,238.76
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	40,005.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	97,371.02
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	38,347.80
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,693.84
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	272,262.43
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$450,680.66</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	51,635.11
	Total Fund Balances	\$584,539.91
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$584,729.43



The Call Committee has interviewed another candidate. This candidate has chosen to meet with council for a second in-person interview. Keep the prayers going that Trinity finds a good fit.



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - June 15, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by Vice-President – Nancy Vollmer, Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (May 2023) were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes with the spelling correction from isle to aisle under the Worship & Music minutes. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for May 2023 was reviewed. Jim did the transfer of another \$25,000 from the checking account to a CD earning 5.15% interest. Betsy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed.

President's Report: Pat reported that the last candidate interviewed with the Call Committee would like to interview in person with Council. This is currently trying to be set up.

Pastor's Report: Just a note that attendance has picked up the last few months. We are very grateful.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – Kathy reported last month that she has gifts for fathers on Sunday.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Currently there are no new volunteers to help with the altar committee. The kids will be helping with the Father's Day event. Jim made a motion that the \$10 fee per child for Grace's Bible School be paid for by Trinity for any of their members who wish to go. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy is hoping to have a meeting on June 25 between services. Betsy to talk with Sally on what she has for the Race Across America in December.

Property – Mike has the Glass Guys coming out to measure windows and provide a quote for a plex type material for storm windows on the stained-glass windows. He also has Window Creations providing a quote for actual glass. Hula started work on the concrete June 13. They expect to pour concrete on June 16. Mike will get with Bonnie and Barb on the fellowship hall upstairs. Mike asked for directions from council on what they wanted to see done to the room. Council decided they would like to start with painting the ceiling and the block walls but not the wooden walls. Privacy window coverings so you cannot see into the rooms and maybe carpet. Mike is working on a quote to seal the parking lot. Gundlach was in Thursday and checked the ac unit that was not working. They changed out a capacitor. Gundlach will be back out on July 5 to service the rest of the ac units.

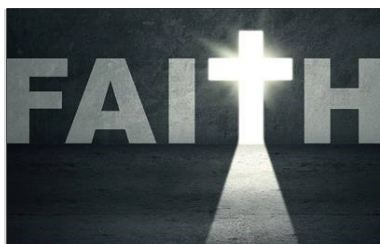
Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Their next meeting will be August 9. The fifth Sunday in July will be a Unity Sunday. It will be a "Prayer Sunday". It will center around ways and how to pray. People will be encouraged to submit their favorite prayer prior to that Sunday. The Senior Planning Committee met and discussed the following ideas: Committee would include mature adults. They would like to have a mini bible study created. Try to engage in fund missions/activities such as going to movies, meals, trips, concerts, projects for the church. They will meet again in September. They are looking to have a contest to name the group with prizes.

Old Business – Carol still needs to work on the video/sound system. Pastor Ralph will talk with St. John's where he is a member. We collected \$100 from the change for Viewpoint Senior Housing. Trinity added another \$100, and Jim sent the check out to them. The new copier is here and working fine. A thank you note was sent to Cyclone Services.

New Business – The organ was tuned on June 14, so it is good again until late fall.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Kathy Bango. The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pat Wiedenheft. Adjournment made by Pat, 2nd by Jim, and 3rd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/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 6/12/23)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Apt #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

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

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

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

Paul Wiedenheft Birthday - Oct. 11

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

Shirley Miller Birthday - April 3

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

Dan Miller Rm #224 Birthday May 24

At Portland House, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Bernie & Mary Ann Neidler Rm #123 B: Nov 16, MA: Dec 30

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

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

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



JULY ALTAR CARE

Shery Miller
Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for July 19, 2023

Beef/Noodles
Vegetable/Mix
Salad
Bread/Butter
Cookies

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



JAM!

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

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

No JAM IN JULY

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

**PLEASE
JOIN US
ON
JULY 30
FOR OUR
LAY LED
SERVICE
AT 9:00
AM ONLY**



JULY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Judith Driscoll | |
| 2 Brandon Buchanan | |
| Judson Overmyer | |
| 3 Matthew Lesch | |
| 4 Bradley Stierhoff | |
| Amber Graham | |
| 5 Michael Cullen | 18 Sandy Paseka |
| Susan Cullen | Cindy Bowers |
| Abigail Price | 20 Candy Beatty |
| 6 Addison Strayer | 21 Pastor Ralph Schibler |
| Kevin Ramon | 22 Katelynne Howard |
| Charlee Stierhoff | Patti Bango |
| 7 Jonathan Gill | 23 Dolores Troike |
| Tricia Patten | 24 Niles Fuller |
| 8 Debra Miller | Dennis Sessler |
| 10 Mary Ann Hickman | 26 Kimberly Stierhoff |
| 12 Scott Swartz | Ryan Paseka |
| 13 Thomas Barnes | Ruby Stierhoff |
| 15 Dominic Stierhoff | 29 Fred Wobser |
| Stephen Wobser | 31 Charlene Stierhoff |
| 16 Logan Lesch | Don Casanova |



ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Ben & Christina Stephens - 19th |
| 7 Charles & Kathy Bango - 23rd |
| 8 Dominic & Tracy Carrozzino - 17th |
| 11 David & Kellie Beiser - 9th |
| 12 Shawn & Emily Tordi - 20th |
| 15 Ron & Cindy Cox - 45th |
| 16 Matthew & Dawn Smith - 18th |
| 17 Evan & Lauren Kautz - 2nd |
| 19 David & Sally Warner - 48th |
| 20 Jeff & Debra Miller - 44th |
| 24 John & Linda Huff - 52nd |
| 26 Mike & Maree Markley - 48th |
| 29 Drew & Danielle Davie - 17th |
| 30 Jacob & Amy Stierhoff - 7th |
| 31 Tom & Peggy Kingsborough - 47th |



Jim Bertsch, Rhonda Neill,
Arlayne Mischler, Guy & Eileen
Bauman, Larry & Cathy Bales,
Don & Alice Kuns, Ted & Valerie
Wilson, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Jack
& Brenda Ried in memory of
Dorothy Shirey



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of Curt Miller on Father's Day



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

- To all who helped and participated in the Father's Day Event.



JULY 2023

9 S U N		M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
2	Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	3 Office Closed Carol on Vacation	4 Fourth of July Office Closed	5 P. Ralph in 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	6	7	1 8
9	Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	10 P. Ralph in 9-11 VBS at Grace 6 - 8 pm	11 VBS at Grace 6 - 8 pm	12 P. Ralph in 9-11 VBS at Grace 6 - 8 pm NA 7:00 pm	13 VBS at Grace 6 - 8 pm	14	15 NA 11:00 am
16	Seventh Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	17 P. Ralph in 9-11	18	19 P. Ralph in 9-11 Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	20 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	21	22 NA 11:00 am
23	Eighth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	24 P. Ralph in 9-11	25	26 Carol on Vacation P. Ralph in office 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	27 Carol on Vacation Linda G. in office 9-11	28 Carol on Vacation Office Closed	29 NA 11:00 am
30	Ninth Sunday of Pentecost Unity Service 9:00 am only	31 Carol on Vacation P. Ralph in office 9-11					

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - July 2023 and August 2023

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for July: Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser, Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller, 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
July 2	Rhonda Neill	Greg Norman	Rich Miller	Millie McCready	Erica Miller	David Wobser	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell
July 9	David & Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	Tyler Wiedenheft	David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Brock Parker
July 16			Greg Norman	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Eli Conner
July 23	David & Sally Warner		Greg Norman	Sally Warner	Zane Warner	Denny Sessler	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner
July 30 9 am only	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Greg Norman	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell			
Altar Care for August: Cathy Wobser, Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Millie McCready, 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
August 6	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Cindy Norman	Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Lincoln Smith	Bob Troike	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
August 13	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Emma Killingsworth	Bob Troike	Candy Beatty	Mason Russell
August 20	Candy Beatty		Justin Stierhoff	Millie McCready	Mariska Farlow	Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser	Brock Parker
August 27	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth		Justin Stierhoff	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of July

July 2 - Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 - *The test of a true prophet*

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 - Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

Romans 6:12-23 - *No longer under law but under grace*

Matthew 10:40-42 - *Welcome Christ in those he sends*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

July 9 - Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12 - *The king will come in humility and peace*

Psalm 145:8-14 - The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

Romans 7:15-25a - *The struggle within the self*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 - *The yoke of discipleship*

Prayer of the Day: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

July 16 - Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13 - *The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose*

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 - Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

Romans 8:1-11 - *Live according to the Spirit*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 - *The parable of the sower and the seed*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

July 23 - Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 - *There is no other God than the LORD*

Psalm 86:11-17 - Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Romans 8:12-25 - *The revealing of the children of God*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 - *The parable of the weeds*

Prayer of the Day: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

July 30 - Nineth Day of Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12 - *Solomon's prayer for wisdom*

Psalm 119:129-136 - When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

Romans 8:26-39 - *Nothing can separate us from God's love*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 - *Parables of the reign of heaven*

Prayer of the Day: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.